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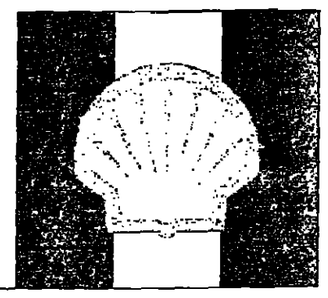
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Princess's TV interview upsets Palace

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM PALACE reacted with dismay yesterday to the news that the Princess of Wales has given an in-depth interview, revealing her thoughts on the break-up of her marriage, to the BBC's current affairs programme *Panorama*. The hour-long face-to-face interview will be shown next Monday.

The interview was filmed at the Princess's official home at Kensington Palace earlier this month, but Palace officials said they knew nothing of it until the Princess told the Queen yesterday morning. "The project has obviously been undertaken at the Princess of Wales's initiative," a spokesman said.

There was a similar response from the Prince of Wales's officials at St James's Palace, from where he was given the first news of his estranged wife's public relations coup. On his 47th birthday, he was conducting official engagements in Germany, and was said to be furious when told the news.

The Queen is not expected to be among the huge audience watching her daughter-in-law reveal her secrets to the world. Buckingham Palace said: "The Queen does not watch *Panorama* — full stop. In any case, the Queen and Prince Philip will be at the Royal Variety Performance that night."

There is no law stating that members of the Royal Family must ask the Queen's permission to conduct a television interview, but it is normal practice. The Princess's secrecy will exacerbate an already strained relationship with the family in general and the Prince of Wales in particular.

The BBC declined to release any extracts of the interview. The Princess is known to have given frank answers to questions on all aspects of her life, including separation, possible divorce, her eating disorders and her friendships with married men such as Oliver Hoare and Will Carling, the England rugby captain. The BBC said: "When she agreed to be interviewed she placed absolutely no constraints on the subject matter or the duration of the interview.



The Prince in Potsdam: 47 yesterday and upset

"She agreed to cover every stage of her life as the Princess of Wales, including her family, her separation and her future plans. Normal journalistic practices were followed. The interviewee was told about the broad areas of questioning but was not given questions in advance."

Her agreement to the interview, the first of its kind since her marriage, is a clear counterblast to the Prince's appearance in an ITV documentary last year, in which he confessed to the journalist Jonathan Dimbleby his adultery with Camilla Parker Bowles. The couple separated in December 1992.

In that interview, the Prince said that a major reason for the breakdown of his marriage had been "intolerable media pressure". The Prince's confession produced mixed reactions among the public, although there appeared to be an overall sympathy for him in coming clean. It was, however, an inevitably one-sided account of events.

News of next week's programme was released by BBC Television yesterday as the Princess, who is patron of the mental health charity Turning Point, was touring Broadmoor top security hospital in Berkshire. Three days after the screening she is due to embark on a four-day working visit to Argentina, which has raised questions over her official status as a roving charity ambassador.

The BBC said yesterday that the initiative for the interview had come from *Panorama* and its reporter Martin Bashir, as part of continuing interest in questions involving the constitution.

Mr Bashir, 32, a *Panorama* reporter since 1992, landed his scoop after having several conversations with the Princess during an investigation into the constitutional position of the monarchy. He began his career in journalism in the mid-eighties as a freelance sports writer with *The Sunday Times*.

Not since her joint interview with the Prince shortly before their marriage in 1981 has the Princess faced the camera in such a way. Apart from a public statement in which she announced her partial withdrawal from public life — also pleading intolerable media pressure — the Princess's views have leaked out through third parties, "friends" and supposedly secret interviews with a *Daily Mail* journalist conducted in a car parked behind Harrods.



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TIM OCKENDEN



The Princess visiting Broadmoor hospital yesterday. She broke news of the interview to the Palace

Blair sets sights on political strength of the WI

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TESSA JOWELL, one of Labour's leading modernisers, has been charged with turning round the party's "cloth cap" chauvinistic image, which puts off thousands of potential women voters.

Her special target is women aged over 40, particularly those who have voted Tory all their lives, and pitched at securing votes from Middle England, middle-aged women. She will tour the whole country but target marginal seats, many of which are in the South.

Ms Jowell is setting out to woo the heart of rural Britain by inviting members of the Women's Institute to lunch and tea in an effort to secure their support for Tony Blair at the next election.

Ms Jowell, 48, the party's spokesperson on women, will invite members of the institute, the National Council of Women as well as the townswomen's guilds to discuss a range of issues including crime, health, education and family welfare.

She proposes to write articles in women's magazines to show that Labour is now attuned to the concerns of middle-aged woman. She plans to hold one meeting a week stretching over three or four months from March to early summer. The format will be a question-and-answer session similar to the Clause Four meetings which Mr Blair organised last year. She emphasised that the meetings would encourage people to meet each other, rather than to hear a "political diatribe".

Mr Blair has told his colleagues that the party's success in attracting older female voters could make the difference between electoral victory and defeat. While New Labour has attracted young female support, older women have still to be convinced.

Polling figures show that while many young women vote Labour the figures dwindle once women reach 40 and fall even faster with older women. In 1992 nearly 16 per cent more men voted Labour than women. If the same number of women as men had voted Labour in 1992, Neil Kinnock would have made it to Downing Street.

The world queues to watch

TELEVISION stations in America, Canada, Australia and most European countries, were trying to buy the *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales within minutes of the BBC announcement. The programme is expected to become the corporation's highest-selling single documentary. Security surrounding the tape is tight, but the BBC is confident that there will be no lapse.

The BBC's previous best-seller in global sales was *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*, which brought in about £640,000. "This programme is going to break all records for global sales. It is red hot property," a BBC Worldwide spokesman said.

"The response has been phenomenal. Every major broadcaster in the world has been in contact. Within two hours of the announcement, we were close to signing deals with America, Australia, Canada and all of Europe. As Asia wakes up to the news . . . they are ringing too. We expect this to break all records for international sales of a one-off factual programme."

Taxpayers in EU 'have lost £2bn'

Lax management and fraud cost taxpayers up to £2 billion last year, the European Union auditors have estimated.

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Famous Five poised to go to the highest bidder

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

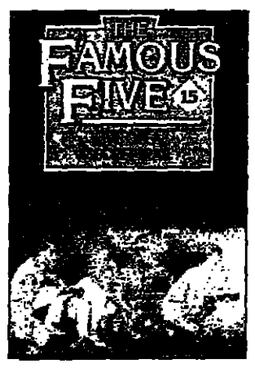
COPYRIGHT to the works of Enid Blyton, one of the world's most prolific children's authors, is for sale from 1997, the centenary of her birth.

The rights to classics featuring The Famous Five and The Secret Seven are being offered for "at least £10 million". Although the BBC has "substantial control" of Noddy publishing rights, royalties from Noddy sales are part of the assets for sale.

Blyton was the sixth most borrowed author from British libraries last year. Her books have been translated into more than 30 languages and around 8.5 million are sold annually worldwide. Merchandising tie-ins and film spin-offs could therefore provide huge returns for the copyright buyer.

Blyton wrote more than 700 books, but as the publishing rights are already owned by various publishers, a copyright deal will focus mainly on merchandising and film rights.

The sale is being handled by Price Waterhouse. Copyright is owned by the author's descendants, her two daughters and a grand-daughter. None of them was available for comment yesterday. However, in 1989, the youngest daughter, Imogen, disclosed that her mother had been unable to tell the difference between her servants and children, and that, while writing books for children, she resented any noise her children might make. Blyton, who died in 1968, once told her agent that her books were her children.



Price Waterhouse said that interest in Blyton's work diminished with the advent of less traditional ways of telling children's stories. Her critics also scorned her sexism and racism. Last April, it was reported that the BBC was contending with American concern that Big Ears would affect people with physical abnormalities. "However, with growing concern over children's education and a shortage of modern, high quality children's authors, a more pragmatic view is being taken," a spokesman said.

Shell rejects calls to leave Nigeria

BY CARL MORTISHED

ONE billion dollars would be at the disposal of Nigeria's military government should a Shell project to build a liquefied natural gas plant be cancelled, the company said yesterday.

The future of the project had been called into question amid calls for international sanctions against the Government of Nigeria after the execution of the writer and Ogoni activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others last week.

Yesterday, Shell again rejected accusations that it was in collusion with the military government and said it had appealed to the Nigerian head of state for clemency after the death sentence was imposed on Mr Saro-wiwa. Shell said: "We believe as a multinational company that to interfe in such processes, whether political or legal, in any country would be wrong."

The company also rejected suggestions that it should pull out of the troubled country. Brian Anderson, managing director of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria, said: "This would not hurt the Nigerian economy because Nigerian Shell staff, who make up 97 per cent of our workforce, would have to continue oil operations or face extreme sanctions."

Substantial funds, earmarked for the construction of the $4 billion (£2.5 billion) gas liquefaction plant, have already been deposited in banks outside Nigeria by the Nigerian state oil company, NNPC, and its multinational partners, Shell, Elf and Agip. These funds would be returned if the project is cancelled, Shell explained yesterday.

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Southern states accused of massive deception

Auditors blame EU for £2bn fraud and waste

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

LAX management and fraud cost European taxpayers up to £2 billion last year, the European Union's auditors estimated yesterday. Their report attacked the European Commission and member states for failing to curb their spendthrift ways.

In its latest annual catalogue of EU financial bungling, the Court of Auditors welcomed steps by the Commission to tighten its controls, but said it was still guilty of extensive waste and mismanagement. Although Britain came in for some criticism, the auditors' chief target this year was the spending on the fruit, vegetable and fishing industries of the southern member states. Agriculture accounts for half of EU spending.

Britain was cited for the alleged misuse of funds for developing "trans-frontier" projects in Northern Ireland. Only 39 out of 270 funded projects met the cross-border requirement, the court said.

Martin Bangemann, the industry Commissioner, was criticised for accepting a hefty fee for delivering a speech at an EU-subsidised seminar in eastern Germany.

Exercising new powers conferred on them by the Maastricht treaty, the auditors refused to certify the overall "reliability" of the Commission's accounts because of faulty and inadequate figures. "We are not in the same position as private-sector accountants who approve or reject accounts," John Wiggins, the British auditor responsible for the procedure, said. "Our job is to set things out and say what we mean." It was up to the Commission and the member states, responsible for spending 80 per cent of the £62 billion budget, to put their house in order, he said.

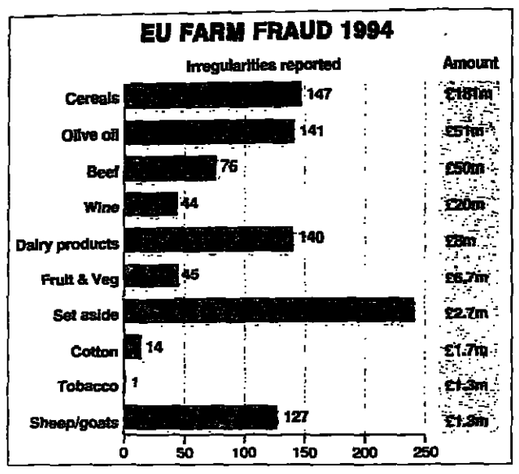
Andre Middelhoek, the chief of the Luxembourg-based auditors, reported that his team had detected £425 million of pointless spending, either on ineligible activities or programmes that did not meet their objectives. Spot-checks by the court's inspectors showed, for example, that millions were being handed out to Greek, Spanish and Italian fruit and vegetable growers for the destruction of non-existent crops.

Abuses, delays and fraud in the collection of taxes on goods in transit meant that £636 million in duty had been evaded in the four years to 1994. In one case, 25 tonnes of Argentine pasta disappeared without duty after being landed at Genoa and driven to Naples. Imported cigarettes and bananas also had a habit of vanishing, duty free, in transit.

The auditors estimated that 4 per cent of the budget, or £2.02 billion, was subject to "substantial errors". The Commission responded by saying that the court was applying a faulty yardstick. "Most of this money is eventually accounted for," one official said. "It is a grossly misleading impression to imply that these figures are representative of fraud."

Erkki Liikanen, the Budget Commissioner, pointed to tough controls imposed this year by Jacques Santer, the Commission President, and passed much of the blame to member states. He rejected a charge that the Commission had mislaid millions of pounds of computers and other equipment. None of the equipment was missing, he said.

☐ Labour called last night for an urgent Commons debate into the fraud and mismanagement in the EU. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said the waste exposed by the auditors was inexcusable. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, responded: "We must fight fraud whether at home or abroad. The contribution that we make to the European budget cannot be wasted in this way."



Rotting crops that yield farmers a rich harvest

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FRUIT and vegetable growers are being paid huge sums to withdraw surplus produce from the market even though it is in no state to be eaten, according to the report by the European Union's Court of Auditors.

Tomato growers in Spain, Italy and Greece are highlighted for receiving payments when the most cursory check should have shown that their produce was rotten and unfit for consumption.

"The costly system of withdrawal and destruction of surpluses to relieve the market of excess production and to ensure a minimum income for producers both encourages over-production and pollutes the environment," the auditors say.

The finding highlights the difficulty of drawing a clear line in EU agricultural spending between fraud and the waste that is an integral part of the complex system of farm subsidies, which account for roughly half the union's £59 billion annual budget.

EU fruit and vegetable producers get subsidies worth more than £1.2 billion a year, entirely legally. Much of this money is spent on taking surplus produce off the market to maintain prices. Many Mediterranean growers deliberately grow too much, knowing they are guaranteed a price for their crop that is more than enough to recoup their costs.

Earlier this year, Tim Boswell, a junior Agriculture Minister, disclosed in the House of Commons that in 1993 the EU paid farmers £439 million for buying up and destroying nearly three million tonnes of surplus fruit and vegetables. British taxpayers contributed £57 million to the cost of the operation even though British farmers were responsible for producing only 34,000 tonnes of the surplus.

For years the EU has been spending about £900 million a year supporting vineyard production, much of which is spent on distilling vast quantities of undrinkable, low-grade wine into industrial alcohol.

Similar sums are spent on supporting tobacco production in Italy and Greece, which produce a crop so high in nicotine that most of it is unable to be sold in Western Europe.



Mr Godfrey beside the disputed display at his shop in Ilkeston yesterday

Council takes greengrocer to High Court over shop display

BY IAN MURRAY

A GREENGROCER's battle with his local council for the right to display his fruit and vegetables on the pavement outside his shop reached the High Court yesterday. Derbyshire County Council is trying to make Brian Godfrey remove the 3ft wide display outside his shop in the old market town of Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Mr Godfrey, 58, a former miner who bought the store with redundancy money ten years ago, claims he rents 18in of the pavement in front of his premises and therefore has the right to use it to display his goods. The council, however, insists he is causing a nuisance, creating a hazard for pedestrians, especially the blind, disabled and mothers with prams, and wants him to move everything inside the shop.

In January Mr Godfrey appeared before magistrates, accused of depositing goods on the highway, causing a nuisance. The magistrates decided that although his pavement display was an obstruction it was not a nuisance and that he should be allowed to keep it. Members of the public also expected to see goods displayed outside a greengrocer's shop and there had been no accidents or complaints, the magistrates said.

Nicholas Burton, for Derbyshire County Council, which is appealing against the decision, argued in the High Court yesterday that the magistrates had accepted that the display was an obstruction and that by definition that constituted a nuisance.

Mr Godfrey, who was in court to defend his actions in person, has said that an adverse finding by the court could finish his business.

The hearing continues.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Abortion warning to appeal judges

Three appeal judges reserved judgment yesterday in a test case brought by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, who asked them to rule that a man who stabbed his pregnant girlfriend, causing the death of her baby, committed either manslaughter or murder.

Simon Hawksworth, QC, for the man, argued that no offence could be committed against an unborn child who was not legally recognised as a "person in being" at the time of the act. He added that the case would "open up a very difficult area" in relation to late abortions.

Girl, 12, raped

A 12-year-old girl was raped at knifepoint in an alley near Kensington High Street, west London, as she came home from school on Monday evening, police said. A passer-by chased the attacker, described as in his late 20s, but failed to catch him. Detectives are waiting to interview the girl who they said was extremely upset and traumatised by the attack.

Porn TV ban

The satellite service XXXTV — formerly known as TV Erotica — was effectively banned by the Government. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, announced an order yesterday outlawing British supply of "smart cards" to unscramble its signal, listings or any advertising or support for the pornographic Swedish station.

Closure approved

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, confirmed that Hackney Downs School in east London was to close. Government-appointed experts have deemed it "impossible" to improve. Mrs Shephard said she had listened to objections from parents but had decided the pupils would get a better education at nearby Homerton House School.

Libel challenge

A jury's right to decide the amount of libel damages was challenged in a test case launched in the High Court yesterday by the *Sunday Mirror*, which is appealing against an award of £350,000 to the pop star Elton John two years ago. The newspaper had admitted that it wrongly claimed the singer was following a starvation diet.

Migrant deadline

A High Court judge gave the Home Office two weeks to sort out how to send two Chinese illegal entrants home or he would free them from eight months in custody. Mr Justice Hidden said that if no satisfactory explanations were given he would probably grant the writs of *habeas corpus* they sought against Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

£100 for slap boy

A shopkeeper was ordered to pay £100 compensation to a boy he slapped for throwing stones at the window of his store in Nottingham. Geoffrey Thibeault, 41, admitted assault and was given a year's conditional discharge by Nottingham magistrates. He said: "I was in the wrong and accept my punishment, but I can't believe I have to pay the boy compensation."

GCHQ jobs cut

The Government's eavesdropping centre, GCHQ, is to axe one of its listening stations with the loss of 250 posts, it was announced yesterday. The Composite Signals Organisation Station at Culmhead, near Taunton, Somerset, which monitors communications for the Government, will shut by 1999. Less than half the workforce will be redeployed.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Price war pushes down cost of petrol

BY KEVIN EASON

BRITISH motorists are buying the cheapest petrol in Western Europe as the forecourt war between supermarkets drives down prices.

Figures from the AA yesterday showed that the latest average price of a litre of unleaded petrol was down to 52.1p (236.7p a gallon) as the cost of fuel dropped for the fourth consecutive month. Drivers in France were paying 75p a litre for unleaded at the start of this month, with filling stations in Germany charging on average 71.56p.

British drivers pay even less if they use supermarket forecourts where companies are waging a price war. Late last month Tesco and Sainsbury's guaranteed a maximum price of 49.9p a litre for unleaded. Prices around the country have fallen sharply as other retailers have tried to keep pace.

The AA said last night that there had also been some price-cutting in anticipation of possible Budget increases. ☐ British car companies fill the top and bottom slots in the sales performance league of European motor manufacturers published yesterday. Jaguar was the fastest growing carmaker, with sales up 51.4 per cent this year, according to the Association of European Automobile Manufacturers. Rover was the worst performer.

Censors urge help for parents over violent films

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

FILM censors banned only six of the 3,500 videos submitted to them last year. However, they used their powers on several blockbusters, insisting on cuts before allowing their video release.

Quentin Tarantino's acclaimed *Pulp Fiction* was among films that had to be edited. But it was a minor cut, deleting a scene showing a heroin needle puncturing skin.

Some 6.5 per cent of the videos submitted have been cut at the request of the British Board of Film Classification. In a report published yesterday — only weeks after David Puttnam, the British filmmaker, attacked the trend for violent movies — the board expressed concern over the effect of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994: every video must be scrutinized in case it falls into the hands of children.

The Earl of Harewood, its president, called for help for parents to control their children's viewing. Video labels and packaging should give clearer guidance, he said.

James Ferman, the board's director, said certificates could not ensure that teenagers were protected. "If there is no way to stop them watching something, we have to make it suitable."

For that reason, he said, cuts were made to *True Lies*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. A spike in an eye, a hook in a stomach and someone's head being smashed into a urinal had to go. However, those cuts lasted a total of eight seconds. Mr Ferman said they were only removing "violent punctuation".

Lord Harewood said the board intended to interview violent offenders in custody to study the effects of violent videos. "We want to know to what extent their criminal background interacts with their viewing."

Other films that pushed at the censorship barriers were Oliver Stone's *Natural Born Killers*, about two serial killers who murder 100 people in the southern states of America. The film is alleged to have inspired actual killings in America and France. Lord Harewood said: "The board delayed its certification long enough to research the facts and found no significant basis for the claims."

Critics of films with gratuitous violence include Sir Sydney Samuelson, commissioner of the British Film Commission. He said: "I just don't understand why explicit violent is necessary. You can put so much across by way of imagination. You don't have to risk brutalising the minds of young people, those who do not yet have the maturity to accept that it's only a film."

Shell rejects calls to leave Nigeria

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an Liquefied Natural Gas meet in Lagos this morning amid expectations that the project will go ahead. A spokesman for Shell, the Anglo-dutch company which is a 24 per cent shareholder in the venture, said the project would benefit the people of Nigeria. "As far as we are concerned, there are no technical or commercial reasons why it should not go ahead."

The board meeting of Nigeria LNG will decide whether to proceed with the construction of the plant on Bonny Island at the mouth of the Niger river. Shell explained yesterday that if the consortium misses the opportunity to go ahead, the project is likely to collapse. "The feeling is that it is now or never," one Shell executive said.

If the project is approved, held money will be released to the contractors under pre-agreed conditions. However, cancellation would mean returning the funds to the shareholders and, by extension to a Nigerian Government that is desperately short of cash.

The commitment of the contractors is central to the need for the shareholders to make today's investment decision. The contract with the engineering companies expires next month and the price of the contract to build the plant, is critical to the economics of the project.

"We have a turnkey contract in place. We cannot extend it without going through a new tendering exercise." A contract on less favourable terms could scupper the venture and delay might put at risk gas sales contracts agreed with companies in Spain, France, Italy and Turkey.

The LNG project is expected to create 6,000 local jobs during construction which is planned to be completed in four years.

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Royal Family chose television to improve its image, but the show has no end

Royal insights serve only to fuel public curiosity



TV times: Jonathan Dimbleby with the Prince of Wales last year and, below, the royal couple interviewed before their 1981 wedding

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHEN *The Sunday Times* announced its serialisation of Andrew Morton's milestone biography of the Princess of Wales in 1992, Lord McGregor of Durris, then chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, complained of the media dabbling in the stuff of other people's souls.

He was obliged to change tack when, over a dinner table in Brussels, he was told by Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the *Daily Mail*, that both the Prince and Princess were manipulating national daily newspapers with a view to having their respective sides of a marriage breakdown story conveyed to the public in sympathetic terms.

Lord Rothermere overstated the case, but his drift was not entirely wrong. Morton always denied that he interviewed the Princess, but there is no doubt she gave friends permission to talk to him.

The reptilian world of the media has long been a foreign country to the Royal Family, a dangerous terrain inhabited by dragons and serpents of which, in this century at least, they long steered clear. But they have gradually learnt to use it, their preferred vehicle being television over newspapers in the perhaps naive belief that pictures are less prone to distortion than mere words.

Apart from Christmas TV broadcasts, the first tentative toe in the water of exposure was in 1969 when the Australian-born William Heseltine (now Sir William), then the Queen's assistant press secretary, persuaded his monarch that the best way to defuse opposition, much of it Welsh nationalist, to the investiture of Charles as Prince of Wales at Caernarvon would be to give the monarchy a more human face.



Andrew Morton and his bestselling book



Tame and arch though it now looks, with shots of the Duke of Edinburgh cooking sausages at a Balmoral barbecue, it was at the time epoch-making and a great public relations success.

Its long-term drawback has been that it whetted an appetite for personal detail which has become insatiable. Milestones in the Queen's life and reign have since been regularly marked by major television documentaries, informative enough on her work and role, but essentially reverential. The Queen has given occasional face-to-face interviews on the subject of horses, or her memories of VE-Day, but has had the good sense never to bare her innermost soul.

As for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, she last gave an interview in 1923, when a hapless reporter from the *Daily Sketch* had ten unproductive minutes with her on the subject of her engagement. At one stage, the BBC proposed a major documentary on her life, and sent the veteran broadcaster Sir Ludovic Kennedy to conduct the preliminary discussions. When he ventured that the Abidication and the question of Mrs Wallis Simpson would be pivotal points in any serious film, the entire project went suddenly cold.

With documentaries on the life and work of the Queen, the Duke of York and other members of the Royal Family, the monarchy has learnt to use television as an effective corporate public relations tool — although the good work almost became dangerously undone with Prince Edward's ill-conceived *It's A Royal Knockout*, in which he and other members of his family made utter fools of themselves in the name of charity. Using television to press a personal royal suit is, however, another matter. Nine-tenths of Jonathan Dimbleby's documentary on the Prince of Wales for Central TV last year was an earnest examination of the man's boundless, but not always riveting, good works. The jewel, when revealed, was set amid great cushions of sympathetic padding: he had committed adultery with Camilla Parker Bowles.

The disclosure was not in itself a shock, for the tabloids had been raking the coals for months beforehand; yet it was a shock to hear it from his own lips, and a shock that he should choose such a public platform as his confessional. The ploy undoubtedly worked; the programme was well-received, and the Prince attracted far more sympathy than opprobium for what viewers saw as his decision to be so honest.

Now comes the counter-blast. For several years the Princess has tried, without great success, to have her side of the story given a wider airing. Andrew Morton's book was sympathetic to her viewpoint; since then she has tried to counter the battalions of righteousness at St James's Palace, whose function is to uphold the *status quo*. She has in particular tried to court the *Daily Mail*, with mixed results.

Next Monday, the Princess will have her revenge. A prurient public will watch riveted in its millions, and a few will wonder whether the washing of dirty royal linen in public has progressed a jot from the day in 1820 when King George IV employed bouncers to keep Queen Caroline out of his coronation.



Husband of building society manager 'plotted to kill her'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE husband of a building society manager murdered her and then constructed an elaborate charade to convince police they were both victims of a gang of robbers, a court was told yesterday.

Gordon Wardell had trussed and gagged himself and inflicted bruises on his stomach after strangling his wife, Carol, dumping her body in a layby and robbing the building society branch where she worked. At the time he told police that he had been beaten unconscious and his wife abducted by robbers who broke into their home in Meriden, West Midlands.

But it was all false, Oxford Crown Court was told. "When he killed her, he put into effect an elaborate scheme, a deceit, quite simply to get away with murder," Richard Wakerley, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury. Mr Wardell, 42, denies murder.

The court was told that Mrs Wardell, 39, had worked a normal Saturday morning at the Nuneaton branch of the Woolwich building society on September 10 last year before returning home to entertain friends with her husband. Her body was found in a layby by a motorist on Monday morning. She was fully clothed with a single sandal lying beside her.

At about the same time, workers arrived at the building society to find Mrs Wardell was not there. The district manager was alerted and she used a master key to enter the premises. "In front of the safe were a whole load of papers scattered across the floor," Mr Wakerley said. "Then she saw in the customer area a sandal which she recognised as Mrs Wardell's. She thought something was radically wrong."

Only on seeing the matching sandal to the one found in the layby did police realise the two incidents were linked. "So far the defendant's scheme was working," Mr Wakerley said. "But it was all a charade to make it look as if it was robbers that killed her."

The gang-of-robbers theory appeared to be borne out when armed police entered the Wardells' home and found Mr Wardell, clad only in his underpants, lying on his back, gagged and trussed to the metal frame of a rubbish sack holder in his living room. His hands were tied with plastic tape, his stomach was bruised and he appeared to be in some distress. "It was a remarkable sight," Mr Wakerley said.

The jury was told that the defendant had sat up when police entered the room. Mr Wakerley said: "He told them he had come home from the pub the previous evening and found some men in the house. 'What happened?' he was asked. 'Some men grabbed me when I came in and I woke up in the morning trussed.' "

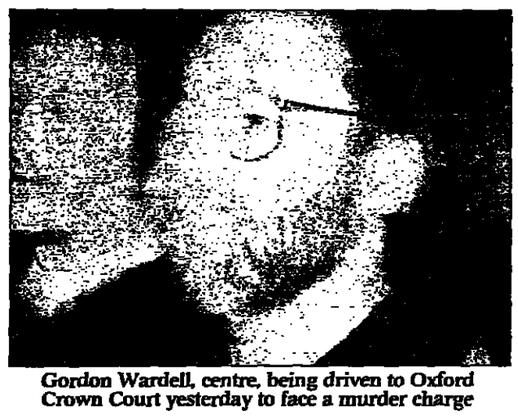
Mr Wardell told police and ambulancemen he had been hit on the head and could remember nothing until waking that Monday at 10am. "He asked about the whereabouts of his wife. Officers understandably did not tell him she was dead." He told them he last saw his wife when "she went off with the men who were there".

When Mr Wardell was taken to hospital in an ambulance, "he was calm, his blood pressure was within the normal range and his heartbeat was only slightly fast", Mr Wakerley said. "The prosecution aims to show that it was again part of a false scheme to induce police to believe that Carol had been killed by a gang of robbers who had taken her under force to the building society, leaving him unconscious and trussed up.

"We shall demonstrate how he tied and put the gag on himself, tied himself to the refuse sack holder, and the bruises were self-inflicted. He tied himself up after he had killed his wife and left her body in a layby, after he had visited the building society to create the scene of the robbery," the jury was told.

Photographs showed that the only sign of disturbance at the Wardells' house was in the living room, and the back and front doors had not been forced. Access to the building society had been gained by using Mrs Wardell's secret pin number.

The case continues.



Gordon Wardell, centre, being driven to Oxford Crown Court yesterday to face a murder charge

Mother of left-alone children is jailed

A MOTHER who admitted "taking a chance" by leaving her three children at home alone while she flew to Benidorm for a holiday was jailed for a year yesterday.

Liverpool Crown Court was told that police went to her home in Kirkby, Merseyside, after a tip-off and found that her 12-year-old daughter had just cooked a meal of chips for her brothers aged seven and five.

The 30-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted three child abandonment charges.

Judge Wickham, Recorder of Liverpool, told her: "What you did was a serious crime against your children, putting your personal pleasure before their welfare. Good mothers don't take such chances. If you are not punished for leaving your children there will be a widespread sense of outrage."

The mother was arrested at Manchester Airport when she flew home from Alicante on September 2. She told police she had given the father £40 to mind the children, saying she had not been abroad or flown before and had been looking forward to the holiday and wanted to go.

When he did not arrive the night before her flight she had tried to get a friend to look after the children.

Rosemary West played strategic part in death of 10 women, says QC

BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

ROSEMARY WEST was the "strategist" behind the murder and mutilation of ten girls and young women including her daughter Heather, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs West's claims to have known nothing of what happened to the victims flew in the face of all common sense, said Brian Leveson, QC.

In his closing speech, Mr Leveson, for the prosecution, described her as a "tough and resourceful woman with an extremely selective memory". He dismissed her protests of innocence as being "like the three brass monkeys. Rosemary West would have you believe that she saw no evil, heard no evil and spoke no evil. This flies in the face of all common sense."

Mr Leveson told the jurors that as the case against Mrs West unfolded they had "travelled to a place which plumbs the depths of human depravity". He said: "There is no doubt that the bodies were deliberately mutilated for reasons we can scarcely imagine." He said the relationship between Rosemary and Frederick West was at the core of the case. He asked the jury to consider what the couple "knew of each other, what they did to others and how far each was prepared to go". She was the "strategist," said Mr Leveson. Even as a 15-year-old she had instructed West, 12 years her senior, on how they would conduct their life together. "She was as obsessed with sex as he was. On her own admission it was for fun," he told the jury.

West's death was the "greatest gift" he could give to his wife. His tape-recorded claims to be solely responsible for the deaths of the ten young women and girls had been a moment of high courtroom drama but "their value, we submit, was nil", Mr Leveson said. "He (Frederick West) was in a position of power and the police were unbelievably grateful and had to keep listening. But he lied again, again and again."

The murder of Charmaine West — Mrs West's stepdaughter — had taken place while her husband was serving a prison term in 1971, said Mr Leveson. Mrs West's relationship with the seven-year-old had before her death been marked by "mutual aggression and antipathy".

Mr Leveson reminded the jury of evidence given by Anne Marie Davis, West's daughter by his first wife Rena, whose body was unearthed last year in a field 15 miles from Gloucester. Anne Marie had been the victim of systematic abuse at the hands of both her father and stepmother, he said.

After being raped at the age of seven by West while Mrs West held her down, she had been told she should be "grateful and lucky to have such caring parents". The couple used the child as "a live toy — taking her out on the town and then raping her while at the height of their killing spree", said Mr Leveson. "Her evidence opened a window on the violent perversion displayed by the Wests on those they were subsequently to kill," he said.

He said any suggestion that the girls were killed elsewhere by West before being brought back to the house and dismembered "doesn't bear analysis.

"From the evidence you can conclude that she herself intended that each of these girls should die so as not to be able to go to the police or at the very least should suffer serious bodily harm. Even if the act which snuffs life out was her husband's, if she is participating that's murder."

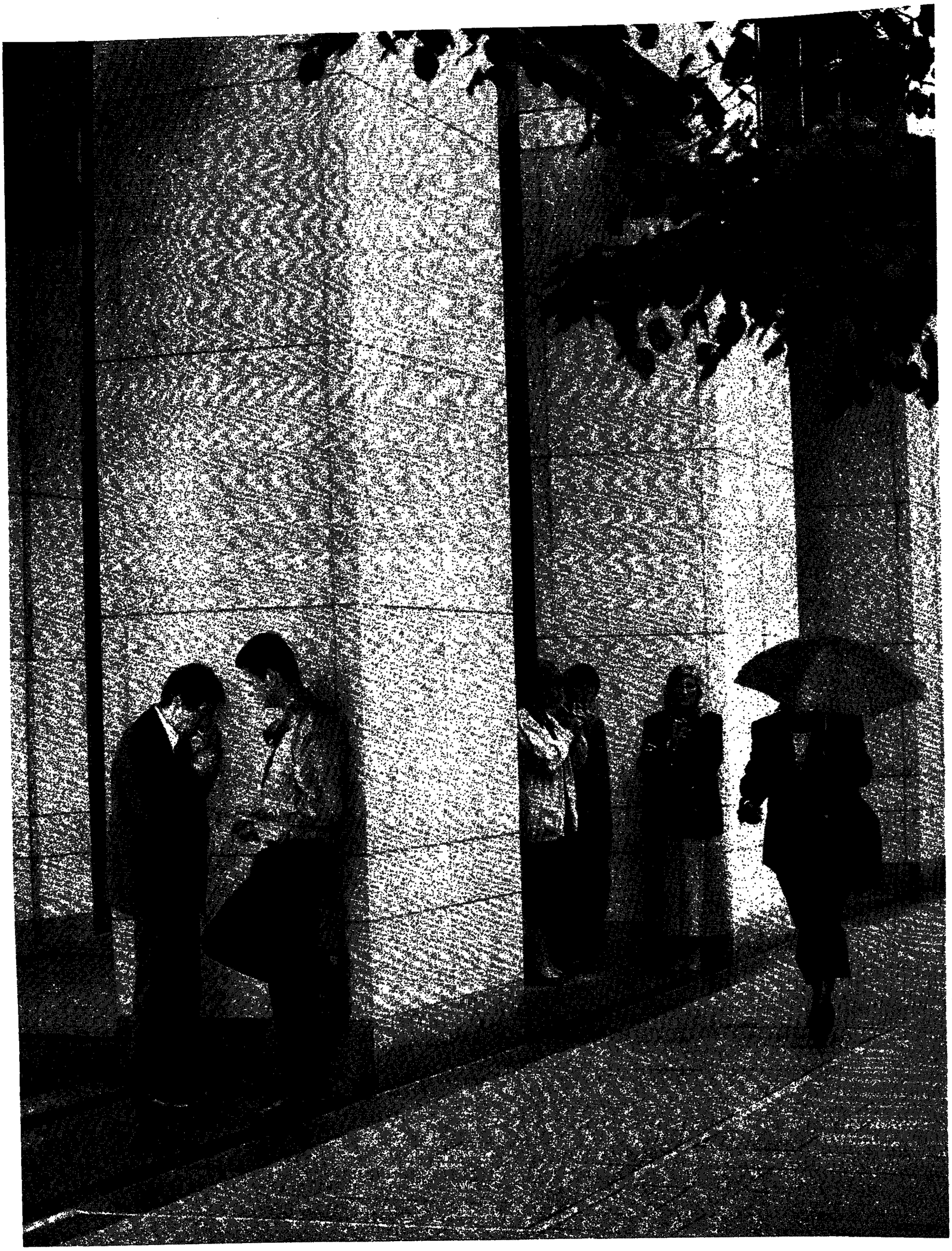
The case continues today when Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, will make his closing speech to the jury.

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'Guy taught us compassion but no money will make up for what he has been through'

Man handicapped as a baby 33 years ago wins £1.25m

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who was severely brain-damaged a month after his birth 33 years ago was awarded £1.25 million damages yesterday.

Guy Parkes, who was normal and healthy when he was born on August 25, 1962, made legal history as the oldest medical negligence case heard in Britain. He received the award in an out-of-court settlement approved at Manchester High Court.

Medical defence experts expressed fears that the case would encourage other patients to enter claims from decades ago. This would have serious financial implications, they said.

Mr Parkes is now profoundly handicapped and confined to a wheelchair after his GP, Dr Francois Bosc, failed to notice that he had become severely dehydrated three weeks after birth. His mother developed breast abscesses and was concerned about her capacity to continue breast-feeding. Dr Bosc reassured her and failed to note that the baby was becoming seriously unwell.

On September 17, 1962, he was admitted to hospital with severe dehydration secondary to gastroenteritis. He suffered brain damage and has lost the use of all four limbs. He also has epilepsy, a twisted spine and is doubly incontinent. He is aware of his surroundings but has limited powers of communication.



Guy Parkes as he is today and as a baby. His GP failed to notice that he had become severely dehydrated



Ann and Colin Parkes. Mrs Parkes was praised in court for her singlehanded care of her son

Ann Parkes, 55, who gave up her job as an accounts manager to look after her son, did not realise for more than 25 years that she could sue Dr Bosc. When Mr Parkes broke his leg at a residential care home in 1985 she took legal action and her lawyers, Alexander Harris, of Sale, Cheshire, asked why he was so disabled. The lawyers began investigations in 1989 before advising Mrs Parkes to sue over her son's disability.

After yesterday's hearing Mrs Parkes, of Willenhall, West Midlands, said: "Guy has taught us compassion and patience but no money will ever make up for what he has been through. We just struggled from day to day looking after him. We have had to give up what people call a normal social life. We never go out. When he was five we were told he would never be any different. That is hard for a woman of 27 or 28.

"His main achievement is being cheerful. He gives us inspiration. If ever we feel down, we go and be with him.

"This is money but it would be much nicer if Guy was able to get up and walk. I am bitter about the doctor. The apology in court was the first we have had."

Daniel Brennan, QC, representing Mr Parkes, told the hearing that the care provided by Mr Parkes's family had been exemplary and he was expected to live for another 30 years. "The medical experts have never come across a case of a child like Guy who grew into manhood in such a condition," he said.

Mrs Parkes has cared for her son singlehandedly. Colin, her husband, has a back injury and cannot help. Mrs Parkes also looks after her 92-year-old mother, who is wheelchair bound.

Mr Justice Newman singled out Mrs Parkes for "commendation and admiration" and ordered that £150,000 of the award should go to her immediately for her past care of her son.

Dr Bosc, who is retired, admitted liability. His insurers, the Medical Protection Society, will pay the bill. Dr Roy Palmer, medical director of the society, said: "It is a matter of concern that we are seeing litigation starting decades after the clinical incident. It is almost impossible to establish the facts two or three decades on. People die, emigrate, retire and their memories fade."

The annual subscription paid by GP members of the society in 1962 was less than £10. "Here we are 33 years later settling for upwards of £1 million. This creates a very serious funding problem."

Compensation for medical negligence claims is expected to cost the NHS £150 million this year. Claims amounting to more than £1 billion are in the pipeline.

Fears about the rapidly rising cost of claims led the Health Department to set up the Clinical Negligence Scheme for NHS trusts last April. Trusts pay contributions according to their size and nature of their work, and the scheme pays out on claims against them, spreading the cost. Eight out of ten NHS trusts are members.

The previous oldest medical negligence case, two years ago, involved a man who was awarded £840,000 31 years after being brain-damaged in a hospital accident shortly after birth.

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Radio in the snow saves Britons from avalanche

BY EDWARD GORMAN

TWO British backpackers who narrowly escaped death in Nepal's worst avalanche disaster were the first to alert the rescue services after finding a radio while desperately trying to dig for survivors.

The families of Charles Wright and James Ryan, both 22, said yesterday that the young men were just a few hours' walking distance from the thrust of the avalanche close to Everest, which killed at least 43 people including 17 foreign tourists.

The relatives spoke of their relief at hearing from the pair by telephone after a helicopter flew them to safety. Richard Wright, 58, a farmer from Beccles, Suffolk, said: "We were worried sick when we heard about the avalanche on the radio on Sunday because we knew Charles was in that area. It was a hell of a relief when he called to say he was all right." The two former students, who met at London University, were on what their families called the holiday of a lifetime in the Nepalese Himalayas when the avalanche struck. They were camping in a remote mountain hut on Saturday with six other foreign trekkers when they were cut off by eight feet of snow.



After being stranded for two days and running out of food, Mr Ryan and Mr Wright, with a German and an Australian, set out for the hamlet of Gokyo at 18,000ft. But when they arrived they found the huts had been covered by snow.

Tanja Wright, 23, who spoke to her brother by telephone from Nepal, said: "They found the huts flattened and no sign of survivors. But they dug in the snow and found the bodies of two Nepalese and a Japanese tourist."

Miss Wright said the men were amazed to find a radio set beside the bodies which still worked despite being buried under the snow. They used it to call for help. Miss Wright said: "If it had not been for the radio they could easily have died of starvation or hypothermia."

Mel Ryan, 62, a former Yorkshire cricketer from Almondbury, West Yorkshire, said that his son was very fit and an experienced walker. He is now on his way back to Britain before flying to the Alps to start a winter job as a ski instructor.

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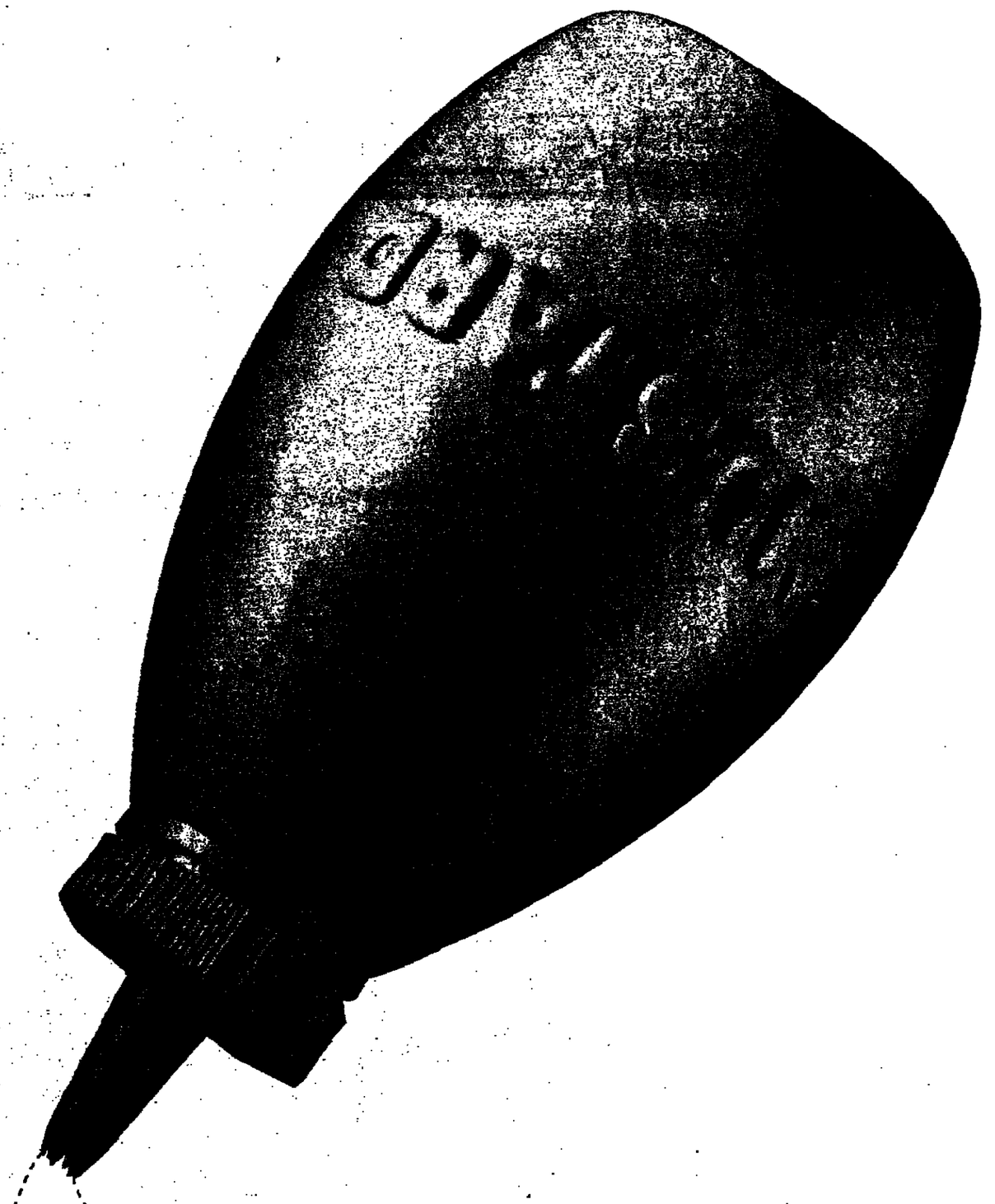


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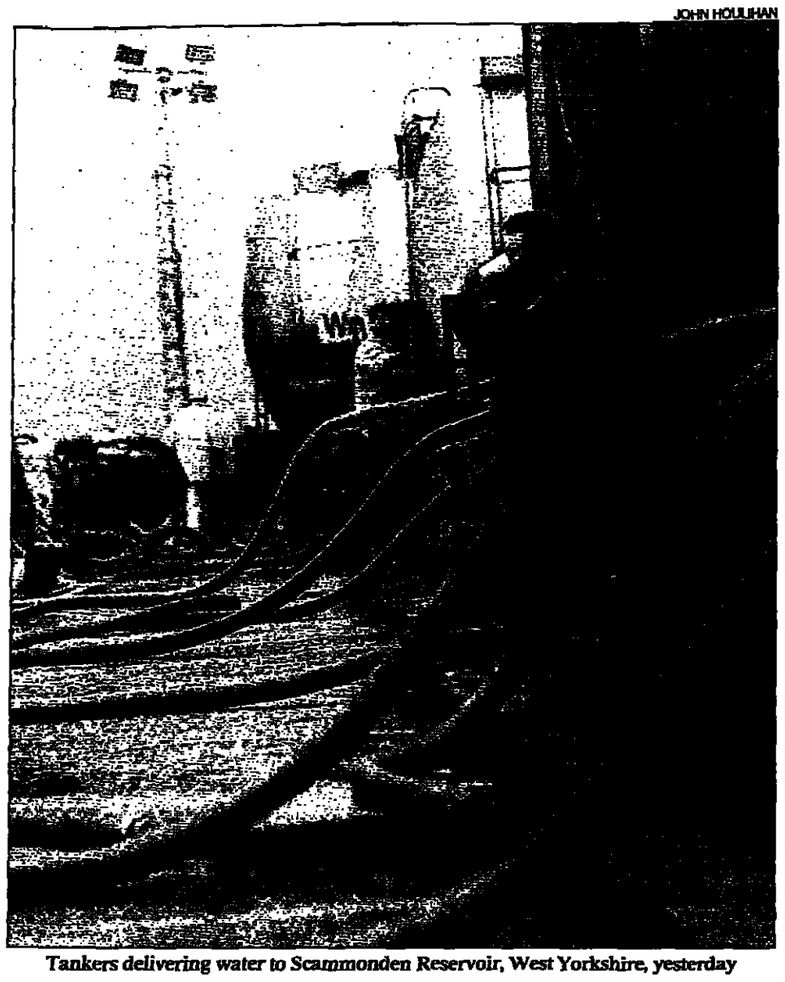
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JOHN HOULIHAN



Tankers delivering water to Scammonden Reservoir, West Yorkshire, yesterday

Government plans to pipe water to drought-hit area

By Paul Wilkinson

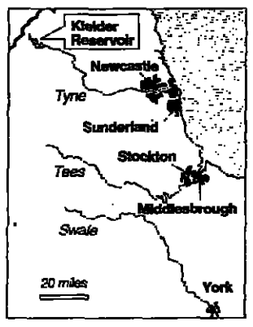
A PIPELINE linking Yorkshire with the abundant water supplies of northeast England is to be built to stave off future shortages affecting millions of consumers. But the link, announced yesterday by David Curry, an Environment Minister, at the end of a tour of the affected parts of West Yorkshire, will not stave off possible rota cuts.

The pipe would be used to top up Yorkshire reservoirs during the winter. The link will run ten kilometres from the River Tees in the Northumbrian Water Region to the River Swale in North Yorkshire. Mr Curry said that the Government would provide every facility to ensure that the pipeline would be operating within the shortest possible time.

It will enable Yorkshire Water, which so far this year has received less than half its average rainfall, to tap into the vast reserves of Kielder Water, Europe's largest manmade lake high in the Cheviots. Supplies from Kielder would be transferred via Northumbria's system into the Tees. Once it is pumped across to the Swale it can be fed into Yorkshire's water grid.

However, Yorkshire Water later said that the pipeline was only one of a number of "medium-term options" it was examining.

A Department of the Environment inspector opened a public inquiry yesterday into



Yorkshire Water's application to cut supplies to Calderdale and Kirklees for 24 hours at a time. More than 250 objections have been received at the inquiry at Dewsbury Town Hall.

The company also announced compensation for customers who lose their supplies. On average a household will be given £2 a week plus a payment for inconvenience amounting to £15 a fortnight.

Recent rainfall in the area has meant that the cuts are unlikely to be enforced before the end of the month.

Young people 'playing Russian roulette'

Coma girl's Ecstasy pill was not contaminated

By Andrew Pierce

LEAH BETTS, who remains critically ill in a coma after taking Ecstasy at her 18th birthday party had taken a tablet identical to one taken by thousands of British youngsters every week, it emerged last night.

Tests on the teenager, who collapsed at her home in the early hours of Sunday, showed that the Ecstasy tablet had not been contaminated. The medical results, which were unexpected, prompted a senior drugs officer last night to warn youngsters who take the Class A drug that they were "playing a deadly game of Russian roulette".

Leah, an A-level student at Basildon College, remained in a critical condition at Broomfield General Hospital, Chelmsford, Essex, last night. Her parents Paul and Jan, from Latchingdon, near Maldon, Essex, were at her bedside.

Mr and Mrs Betts, who wrote an open letter to parents the previous day warning them about the dangers of Ecstasy, faced the agonising decision of whether to turn off the life-support machine which is keeping their daughter alive. Leah cannot breathe unaided. There is no sign of brain stem activity.

Dozens of messages of support have flooded into the hospital for the couple. Mrs Betts, 46, is a nurse who specialises in drugs prevention. Her husband is a retired police inspector. Their powerful articulation of the dangers of teenage drug-taking has struck a chord in the country.

Dr Alasdair Short, a consultant physician at the hospital, said: "Leah remains critical." He said that tests conducted by the poisons unit at Guy's Hospital in London had shown that the only substance which had been identified was Ecstasy, a stimulant related to amphetamines.

He said there was no clear explanation of why the drug, which according to conservative estimates is taken by thousands of British youngsters every week, had had such a devastating effect on Leah. He said: "Nobody has a huge experience of Ecstasy. Certainly there have been previous episodes of sudden collapses following the taking of Ecstasy. Abnormal or strange reactions are known, the reasons for them are not."

The doctor said the tests also showed that Leah had not had an allergic reaction to the drug. Inspector Dave Perry, head of the drug education unit at Essex Police, said: "Thousands of young people must take the drug every weekend if our seizures are anything to go by. The Ecstasy problem is under-reported. There are a lot more instances of brain damage and deaths. A lot of get away with it, some don't.

"It's like playing Russian roulette. Some people have an allergy-type reaction to the drug, they take it and can have these disastrous effects. Some people can take it many times before they have a reaction."

Earlier this year the drugs education unit had a campaign in Essex, which included summer camps. The police are continuing to look for the dealer who supplied the drugs. An Essex Police spokesman, asked whether the dealer would face attempted murder charges, said: "It is within the realms of possibility. It is for the prosecution to decide."



Leah Betts: parents face an agonising dilemma

Police officers are planning to return to Raquel's, a Basildon nightclub that is believed to be the source of the supply of drugs. Five people aged between 17 and 19 have been bailed by Essex Police as they piece together the supply chain. Leah and a friend picked up the drugs in Basildon after she finished work at a shop last Saturday.

She took the tablet, about the size of an aspirin, at 8.30pm while her parents were in a neighbouring room. She collapsed at 1.30am. A friend who took one from the same batch was unaffected.

Leah probably simply overheated as she danced, a forensic scientist said yesterday. The single dose of Ecstasy, combined with the heat of the room, the excitement and the exercise can be a potentially lethal combination. Jim McInally said: "The core temperature of her body would have been raised to the level where it cannot get rid of it. It seems a classic case where all the organs fail — like someone dying of thirst in the desert."

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Every illegal maker has a recipe — there is no unadulterated dose



Medical Briefing

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE news that the Ecstasy tablet taken by Leah Betts was not contaminated or mixed with another drug reinforces the fact that even with "pure" Ecstasy the individual response to a dose varies enormously.

The greatest danger is one of extreme dehydration and hyperthermia causing a form of heatstroke. The affected patient's symptoms can include a splitting headache, extreme muscle weakness, nausea and sometimes rapid loss of consciousness. The combination of collapse and nausea can be particularly dangerous, as in that state the person may inhale vomit and be asphyxiated.

After taking Ecstasy the blood pressure as well as the temperature can rise dangerously. If the blood pressure becomes too high the patient may suffer a stroke and thereafter permanent brain damage. It is uncertain whether the side-effects suffered by Leah Betts, which have effectively knocked out her brain stem, was caused by a stroke, or from cerebral inoxia, oxygen starvation of the brain, while unconscious.

Ecstasy, like any of the amphetamines, is taken because it produces a feeling of euphoria, self-esteem is boosted and sexual confidence gained. There are reports of it producing psychosis, kidney and liver failure, and depression.

The disastrous effects often reported with Ecstasy are sometimes attributed to it having been adulterated, as police at first thought might have been the case with Leah Betts. Since no reputable pharmaceutical firm manufactures methylenedioxymeth amphetamine, its proper name, there is no benchmark for a standard tablet.

The term adulterated therefore does not apply, as all the drugs marketed will be made to the recipe of the individual, illegal manufacturer. Inevitably, the active component of an Ecstasy tablet will be mixed with a substance that should be inert but which, although it provides body for the tablet, is chosen so that it will dissolve easily in the stomach but does not crumble in the pocket.

People buying Ecstasy tablets should be aware that the black marketeer will have no consideration other than to make a profit and secure a regular market. That will usually ensure some degree of caution because the trader will want to retain his customers. There is no other guarantee for the drug's safety.

Ecstasy can also be mixed with other mood changing drugs to obtain an enhanced reaction. It is recorded that phenelzine, therefore probably other similar drugs, can react dangerously with Ecstasy. *Martindales*, the standard textbook of pharmacology, recalls a case in which a mixture of phenelzine and Ecstasy produced coma, after some diverse and very distressing physical and mental symptoms, within 15 minutes.

Teenage dealer at rave venue is jailed

A DRUG-DEALER who sold Ecstasy at a rave venue was yesterday jailed for four years.

Charles Partridge, 19, had admitted supply Ecstasy and amphetamines at Hanger 13 in Ayr and at his home in Irvine, Strathclyde, between April 1 and August 31 last year. He also admitted possessing cannabis.

Sentencing him, Lord Milligan said: "You were a vital link in an evil trade which can wreck lives." The High Court at Kilmarnock had been told that Partridge sold Ecstasy tablets to young people at the nightclub at £12 a time.

Partridge, a joiner whose father had died, did not get on with his mother's new partner. He had been staying near Hanger 13 and drifted into the drug scene.

After a social inquiry report, Lord Milligan, told Partridge he was taking into account his age, family life, previous record and that he had been used. But he added: "You yourself were preying on vulnerable young people very much your own age. You were involved in the supply of hard drugs for profit."

Partridge was given four years' detention for supplying Ecstasy and three years for supplying amphetamines, to run concurrently. He was admonished for possessing cannabis resin.

The venue gained notoriety after incidents unrelated to the Partridge case in which three people died after going to raves there. They had taken Ecstasy.

☐ The Fulham footballer Anthony Finnigan was cleared of drug-dealing yesterday. Southwark Crown Court was told that Finnigan, 33, who denied possessing one kilogram of heroin with intent to supply, had earlier admitted possessing 0.35g of heroin for his personal use.

Finnigan was allowed unconditional bail, pending reports, on the possession charge. Susan Ellis, 27, who admitted possessing the kilogram of heroin with intent to supply, is to be sentenced on Friday.

☐ A conference of drugs squad officers heard yesterday that the sale of "home-grown" cannabis raised with advanced techniques and using potent strains was increasing. In the first nine months of 1994, police raided 60 illegal laboratories.



Woman denies pet cemetery fraud

A PET cemetery owner denied yesterday that she charged dog-lovers for ornate caskets and then buried their animals in rags.

Freda Cunningham, who ran the Pet Care Crematorium at her farm in Weston upon Trent, Derbyshire, insisted that she provided the coffins but that a man who carried out the burials must have ignored her instructions. Mrs Cunningham, 54, denies seven charges of deception involving £960.

Derby Crown Cort has been told that owners paid up to £185 to have their pets buried in caskets. When the bodies were exhumed after part of Mrs Cunningham's land had been repossessed, no coffins were found. The animals had been buried in rags, old coats, bin-liners or nothing at all.

Mrs Cunningham told the court that a gravedigger collected the dead pets from her hallway. "Very occasionally my husband would deal with the bodies, but there was another person. His name I don't really know — I always knew him as Jimmy Maccy. He would come to the house about three times a week, usually at night.

"I used to leave the corpses in the hall for him, with a book with instructions." The man would then put the animals' bodies in a wheelbarrow and take them to the cemetery.

"I always provided a coffin, and it is very distressing to think they were buried without one. I have to confess that Jimmy does not seem to have carried out the instructions."

The trial continues.

Highlands tenants lose bid for estate

By Gillian Bowditch

TENANTS and conservationists have lost their attempt to buy a stake in one of Scotland's most isolated sporting estates.

The 16,500-acre Knoydart Estate in the West Highlands has been bought by a Scottish investment company which is believed to have paid close to the £1.5 million asking price. News came on the same day that the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn's Dunfermline castle, Fordell, went to an unnamed Scottish buyer for more than £500,000. There had been concern that both would have overseas owners.

The new owner of Knoydart, Kinloch Investment, was said to want a traditional estate run in co-operation with the community. Conservationists had hoped that the local Knoydart community, backed by the theatrical impresario Cameron Mackintosh and the conservation organisations The John Muir Trust and the Chris Brasher Trust, would be successful in their offer.

But yesterday Bernie Evemy, one of the members of the foundation, said he was not disappointed. "We are looking forward to meeting the new owners and getting on with them. We always said we would be perfectly happy with a good owner."

The estate is being sold by the textile company Titaghur Jute, whose chairman Reg Brealey bought it for £1.7 million in 1993.

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Policeman carried £500,000 in bag for The Scream

By John Young

AN UNDERCOVER detective from Scotland Yard's art squad travelled to Norway with £500,000 in a bag to help to recover *The Scream*, Edvard Munch's stolen masterpiece, a court was told yesterday.

Norwegian police sought assistance after the painting had been offered for sale in London. The alleged thieves were arrested while a supposed deal was being negotiated at a hotel. The famous work — valued at more than £30 million — was found undamaged in a cellar. The detective was giving evidence at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, which has been turned effectively into a branch of Oslo city court this week so that the identities of two British police officers can be protected.

Four men are on trial in Oslo in connection with the theft but witnesses are not permitted to give evidence anonymously in Norway.

The Scream was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo on February 12 last year. The detective, known to the court as Sidney Walker and hidden from the public seats by screens, said that just over two months later, on April 22, he was told to travel to Oslo on May 5 with £500,000 in a bag. After three days, two Norwegian police officers appeared at the Grand Hotel in the city and the money was handed to them.

On Monday this week, the court was told that Mr Walker's police colleague — given the alias of Chuck Roberts — had travelled to Oslo posing as a representative of the Getty Museum in California. Yesterday Mr Walker was asked by Fridtjof Feudt, for the defence, whether it was ever explained to him why British, rather than Norwegian, policemen should have supplied the money.

"I don't know, sir," he replied. "I was given my instructions and I conveyed the money to Oslo. It was not an unusual request."

Mr Walker said that Detective Chief Inspector John Butler, head of the art and antiques squad, had not specified why the precise sum of £500,000 was required. Nor did he know whether it meant a ransom sum had been fixed in advance. Mr Walker was asked if he would have expected an "arresting team" of Norwegian police to have met him at the hotel, rather than just two officers. He replied that he had been involved in a number of similar operations in Britain and that he would expect at least six officers, perhaps eight or even ten. Instead he had been met by just two officers with a bag in which he thought they had been carrying sandwiches.

"That is not meant facetiously, because they were brave men," he added. "They found themselves in an extremely difficult position and they behaved very well."

Since August four men have been on trial: Paul Enger and William Aasheim deny theft, and Bjoern Grytdal and Jan Olsen deny handling stolen property.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Office said that it was not uncommon for witnesses in foreign cases to be allowed to give evidence in their home countries to save expense. A British stipendiary magistrate is conducting this week's hearing, which continues today.



Detail from *The Scream*

Tycoon's widow says son was heir to publishing empire

Kevin 'broke down' when Maxwell was found dead

By Emma Wilkins

KEVIN MAXWELL broke down and wept on hearing the news that his father's body had been found at sea, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Pandora Maxwell, Kevin's wife, said her late father-in-law was a frightening figure with whom Kevin sometimes found it difficult to work. But when a news bulletin in November 1991 announced that a body had been found off the Canary Islands, he was greatly distressed. "He came home late that evening ... he said a body had been found, and he broke down and wept. It was the only time he did."

Her evidence was followed by testimony from Elizabeth Maxwell, Robert Maxwell's widow. She said her late husband had groomed his children to take over his business but, when they succeeded, he resented their challenge to his authority.

Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former financial adviser, deny conspiring to defraud Maxwell pensioners by misusing £22 million of Teva shares. Kevin Maxwell also denies a charge relating to Scitex shares worth £100 million.

Pandora Maxwell told the court that her husband had wanted to leave the business to avoid his father's control. "We could never really be specific about when, but it was his intention in 1991 to leave in 1992. He wanted in a sense to be free, to be able to allow us all to lead a more normal life."

She also spoke about the morning of her husband's arrest at their home in Chelsea in June 1992. "This was 6.30 in the morning. I didn't see any need to wake the children, but the police insisted on searching the house, including the children's bedrooms."

Elizabeth Maxwell, 74, said Kevin had been groomed by his father. "Bob felt that Kevin would really be the heir apparent because he felt that among our children he was the most able to take charge of a big organisation. He had a very good brain, an ability to grasp the essentials of a business situation and the complexities of corporate problems.

"Although towards the end Bob talked of retiring, it was obvious that he resented any power next to him, and in a peculiar way, although he was grooming his children to succeed him, he resented any initiative that they took."

She said her relationship with her husband had been extremely strained since he told her in 1990 that he wanted a separation. However, he found himself unable to carry out his decision and remained friendly towards her.

Jeduha Hiss, a pathologist who carried out the autopsy on Maxwell's body, said in a written statement that it was unlikely the tycoon had committed suicide. "It's more likely that he fell involuntarily into the sea either as a result of an accident or homicide."

Examinations showed that his left shoulder muscle had been subjected to "extraordinary and considerable strain" and it was likely that his body had been suspended from, or forced on to, his left hand. The evidence suggested that he had not been in the sea when this happened.

Jane Ward, physiology lecturer at the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's & St Thomas's hospitals, said it was possible that Maxwell might have fainted while urinating over the side of his boat. This was a recognised symptom associated with tiredness, drinking alcohol, waking at night and chest infections — Maxwell had a cold at the time.

The trial continues.

SIMON WALKER



Pandora and Kevin Maxwell leaving court after her evidence yesterday



Elizabeth Maxwell: said husband groomed Kevin

Seven acquitted of fraud after nine-month trial

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A TAX fraud trial at the Old Bailey ended yesterday after nine months and at a cost of £6 million with the acquittal of all seven defendants.

The jury, which had been reduced to nine members after one was arrested for fraud, another fell ill and a third discovered he knew someone in the case, reached unanimous verdicts.

The trial began in February and had been due to last three months. Each defendant was represented by two counsel and the prosecution team had three barristers.

The length and expense of the trial and its eventual outcome will fuel the arguments now being considered by the Home Secretary to abolish juries for complex fraud trials. There is growing support for the move from senior legal figures, including Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney General, and George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office.

Stewart Lawson-Rogers, prosecuting on behalf of Customs and Excise, had alleged that Robert Howes, a businessman, avoided paying £3 million in VAT by selling gold smuggled into the country in modified waistcoats. The gold was said to have been melted down to make it seem like scrap gold from old jewellery and, when it was sold on, Mr Howes allegedly avoided paying tax.

The other six defendants, all company partners or directors, had been accused of helping Mr Howes to produce fake documentation to authenticate his dealings. The defendants denied charges of cheating the public revenue in the period 1992-93 and said they were honest traders.

The acquitted men are Mr Howes, 56, of Clapton, east London, Gary Singleton, 32, of Dronfield, Derbyshire, Viday Jogia, 44, of Northwood, west London, Colin Grafton, 54, of no fixed address, Gonen Haeems, 31, of Tottenham, north London, Michael Ansell, 55, of Hove, East Sussex, and Colin Beesley, 46, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Earlier this year a judge discharged a jury in an £8.5 million fraud trial after ruling that the evidence was too complex for it to understand. A committee of officials from five departments was set up in 1992 to examine the difficulties caused by long criminal trials. It is still sitting but has not published any report.



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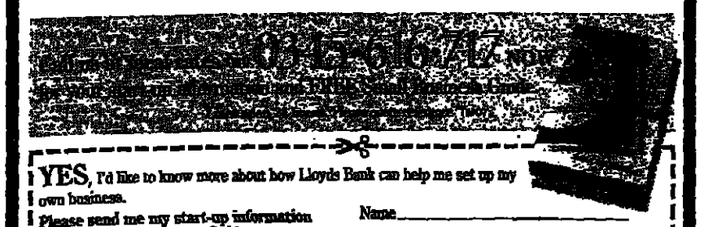
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Poll-conscious Tories pin hopes on real business of Clarke's Budget

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Queen's Speech to Parliament this morning will be largely irrelevant either to the state of Britain or to the fortunes of the Tory party. Even more than usual, it will be about departmental pride and political symbolism. The Prime Minister and his advisers will argue that the whole is more than the sum of the parts: that there is a coherent theme demonstrating the Government's vitality and a sharply different approach from Labour.

Such propaganda will no doubt be forgotten as soon as it is uttered. Today's list of measures will, with a couple of exceptions, be thin. This is in part because we are now in the fourth year of the Parliament after the main manifesto pledges have been implemented. The Government's single-figure majority is not in itself much of a constraint since, apart from European issues and VAT on domestic fuel, the Government has had little trouble getting its legislation approved. Nonetheless, Tory business managers are reluctant to reopen party divisions and at least risk the threat of a revolt.

The Queen's Speech is anyway less important in the life of any Government than the ritual implies. This is because legislation is seldom central to a Government's performance and prospects. Of course, the main measures on the sale of council houses, curbing the power of the trade unions and privatisation in the 1979 and 1983 parliaments mattered politically. They were the cutting edge of Thatcherism. Since then, legislation on the organisation of the health service and education has had a significant long-term impact on hospitals and schools, but little measurable effect on voters. Similarly, while the abolition of the Greater London Council generated enormous heat in the mid-1980s, the Tories gained several seats in the capital at the 1987 general election.

The last Queen's Speech which had a crucial political significance was in November 1991 with the Bill to replace the poll tax with the council tax. It was only when it became law that John Major felt able to call the 1992 election. There have been important measures such as last year's reform of shopping hours on Sundays, the introduction of the National Lottery and rail privatisation, as well as innumerable Bills on criminal justice and social security and measures tidying up education and health changes. But few have had much bearing on the Tories' overall political standing or had any discernible impact on the party's poll ratings.

Later this morning, the Government will announce measures introducing vouchers for nursery schools, extending borrowing powers of grant-maintained schools, relaxing rules on cross-media ownership and setting up digital television, deregulation, divorce reform, asylum seekers and illegal immigrants, disclosure of evidence in criminal trials and housing.

The Tories will challenge Labour to oppose the education and Home Office measures in order to highlight party differences over parental choice, law and order and immigration. The intention is to "test" Labour and put the Tories on the politically popular side of these issues.

Today's speech, and the exchanges in the Commons this afternoon between John Major and Tony Blair, will be merely a warm-up for the Budget on November 28. Since the introduction two years ago of the unified Budget bringing together decisions on public spending and taxation, the last Tuesday in November has become the most important date in the political calendar.

The Tories' current low poll ratings reflect the tax-raising Budgets and public-spending squeezes of the past two years far more than the largely forgotten Queen's Speeches. Hence, most Tory MPs are pinning their hopes on Kenneth Clarke's Budget statement, rather than the Queen's Speech, and on their growing belief that the Treasury's caution has been overriden by the political need to show that the Government has made a start on cutting income tax.

PETER RIDDELL

The Queen's Speech

Ministers strive to push Labour on the defensive

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government will try to regain the political initiative today by unveiling a series of Bills chosen to put Labour on the defensive over education, crime and housing in the run-up to the general election.

Fifteen substantial measures will be announced in the Queen's Speech, heralding the last full legislative programme before John Major goes to the country. It will provoke a bitter clash between Mr Major and Tony Blair after the new session is opened. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, gave a foretaste yesterday when he said the new programme would show "another lurch to the Right".

Well-trailed Bills providing for a clampdown on bogus asylum seekers, the introduction of nursery education vouchers, fresh encouragement for grant-maintained schools and changes to rules on the disclosure of evidence in the courts are believed by ministers to be highly popular with the public but likely to be opposed by Labour.

A housing Bill that will end the automatic right of single mothers to have priority on waiting lists, measures expected later in the year to cut down on red tape and Budget plans to make it easier for businesses to pay their taxes are all designed to "flush out" Labour, Tory sources say.

Last night Mr Major said that the programme established the Tories as the only party "firmly in the Centre-Right of politics". He told the Carlton Club: "Our programme will extend choice in our schools, step up the fight against crime and foreshadow further measures to turn Britain into the enterprise centre of Europe."

The sharply political flavour of the programme became clear when a senior political source said that it would "challenge and expose the gap between the rhetoric and reality of the Labour party". The source said that after Tony Blair's "warm words" to the CBI conference it would be interesting to see whether Labour voted for deregulation and lowering the burdens on business. Labour claimed to be the party of law and order; it would be interesting to see whether it voted for changes designed to ensure that guilty people were convicted.

The two Bills being introduced by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, introducing nursery vouchers and extending the borrowing powers of grant-maintained schools, will be fiercely opposed. The Tories intend to exploit the support of Labour frontbenchers, including Mr Blair, for grant-maintained schools if the party votes against measures to increase their attraction to parents.

A Tory source said that the speech had been drawn up to put Labour on the spot. "It contains populist measures, rather than radical right measures. But they all matters on which Labour, on past form, is likely to vote against."

Labour immeidately retaliated. A source said: "The Tories are already admitting, before it has even been delivered, that the Queen's Speech has nothing to do with the needs of the country and is solely about party politics. It is a cynicism that will inevitably be exposed and explode in their faces. No wonder this will be one of thinnest Queen's Speeches on record."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will have three Bills in the programme: one cutting down on applications for asylum, another giving MI5 powers to help the police in fighting organised crime, and a third changing evidence rules that police believe at present favour the defence.

The other main Bills include a broadcasting measure introduced by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, to relax the rules on cross-media ownership and set up digital television.

MPs are expected to get a free vote on one of the most contentious measures, the divorce law reform Bill which Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has managed to get into the programme in spite of opposition from several Tory MPs.

IAN HODGSON



Virginia Bottomley addressing the CBI conference yesterday. The Queen's Speech will include her Broadcasting Bill, which will relax rules on cross-media ownership

RAF jets damaged by contract company

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were yesterday urged against making the taxpayer meet the bill for a "debacle" in which outside contractors caused up to £100 million of damage to RAF Tornado fighters.

Although 16 frontline jets were badly damaged while being modified, Ministry of Defence officials failed to notice and paid for eight of the aircraft after relying purely on the contractors' paperwork.

In a report the Commons Defence Select Committee criticises MoD's failure to detect damage that made the aircraft unsafe. The faults were discovered only when a technician spotted them by chance. The report says that the costs should be recovered from the firm, adding that it would be "monstrous if the taxpayer was out of pocket as a result of this debacle".

The Tornados were damaged in 1993 during service work by Dorset-based Airwork, now part of Short Brothers, which won the contract after undercutting British Aerospace's £11 million bid by £4 million. BAe was awarded the contract to repair the damage earlier this year.

Menzies Campbell, Liberal Democrat defence spokesman and a member of the committee, said: "Inadequate supervision of contracts of this kind not only costs money, but could have cost lives."

Tory tax plan will 'help the wealthy'

GOVERNMENT plans to scrap capital gains tax will bring about the biggest shift of wealth to the elite this century, Labour said yesterday (Arthur Leathley writes).

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the move would mean huge benefits for the wealthiest 5,000 earners at the expense of tax cuts for millions of workers. Abolishing the tax on investment profits would cost £3 billion a year — equivalent to 1.5p off income tax — by 2000.

Mr Brown said it would save 5,000 people a total of £596 million a year, or £119,000 each. He denounced John Major's pledge to end the tax as further evidence of a Tory "lurch to the Right".

The Prime Minister told the Tory party conference last month that he would end both capital gains and inheritance tax "when affordable". Although that is a long-term objective, Labour warned the Chancellor not to move towards abolition in this month's Budget. Mr Brown said that only one taxpayer in 300 would gain from abolition, which would cost £1.65 billion a year in lost revenue at present rates and £3 billion in five years.

Michael Jack, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: "By opposing our policy to abolish tax on capital gains, Gordon Brown has shown once again that Labour is against enterprise and against the creation of wealth."

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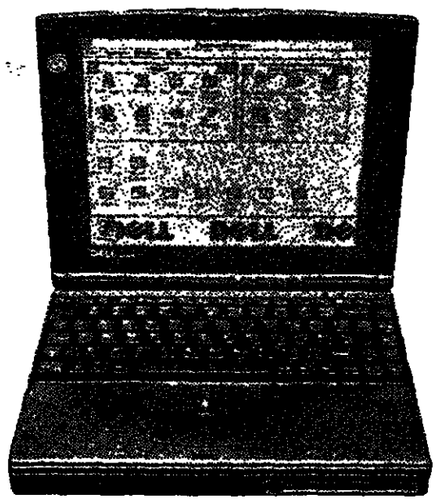


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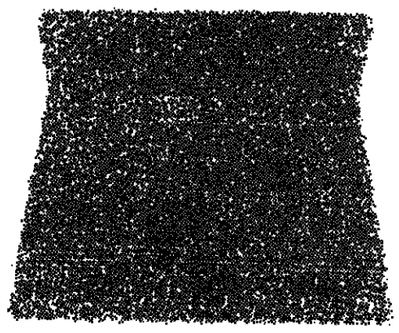
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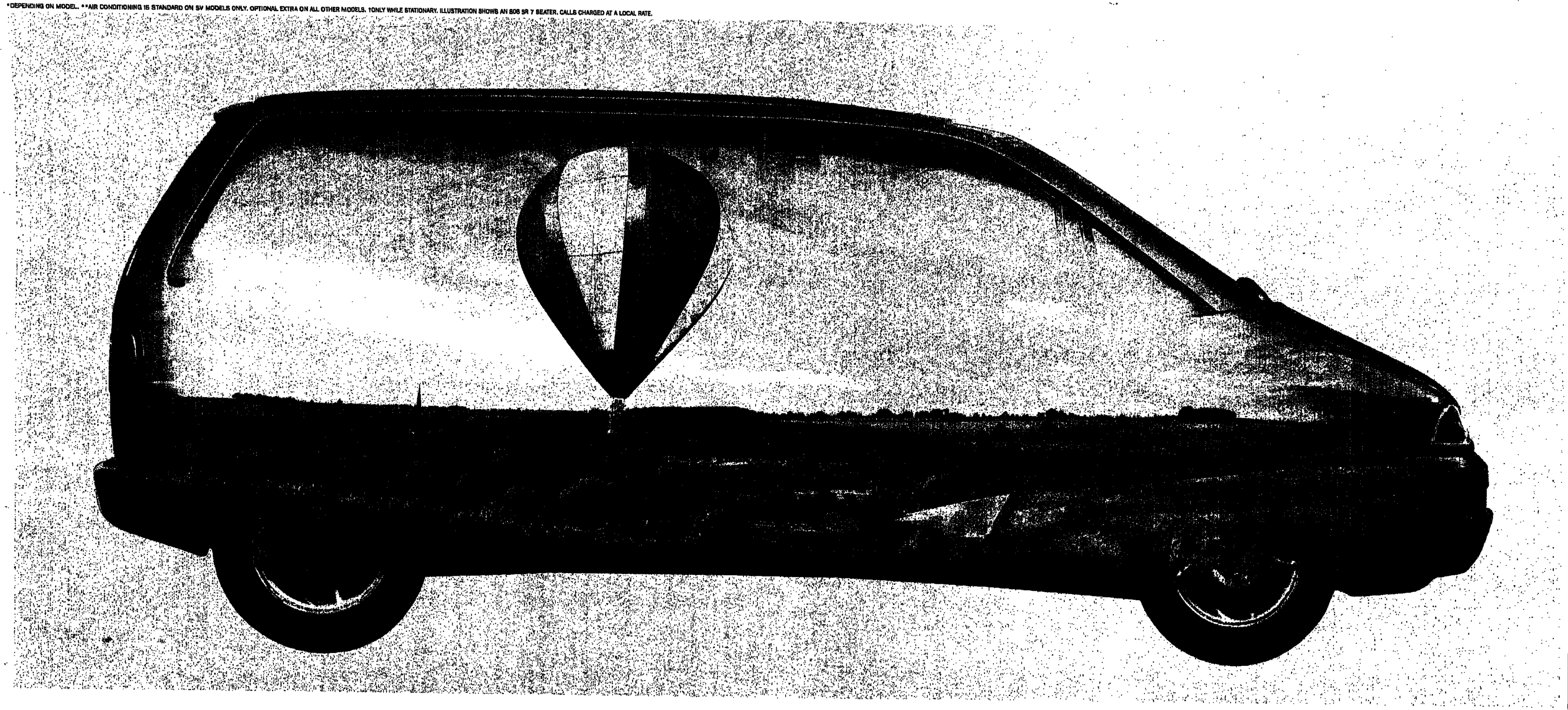
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Shell blames environmental damage on saboteurs and voices fears for repair teams

Ruptured pipelines 'left to destroy Ogoni farmland'

By Sam Kiley
Africa Correspondent

AN HOUR'S walk from the dirt road, in barefoot to avoid army trackers on the lookout for boot prints, we came across what the Ogoni leaders were calling "Shell Oil's latest little atrocity".

A spuming arc of greenish yellow oil squirting 20 yards into the sky from a cracked pipeline connection covered vegetation and abandoned houses in a film of brown goo, rendering the land barren, and gagging local farmers with the stench.

"Sabotage," said a Shell spokesman in the Rivers State capital of Port Harcourt. "We cannot send people to repair the line because they fear they will be attacked by the locals."

No matter how popular Ken Saro-Wiwa, the executed environmentalist, might have been among his Ogoni tribesmen, it is difficult to imagine a couple of farmers deep in the bush trying to poison their land by shoving poles under a high-pressure oil pipeline and cracking its joints at his, or any one else's, request.

Since 1990, when 80 people were killed and 495 houses set on fire by the Nigerian Army after Ogoni demonstrators protesting at Umeuchem were confronted with teargas and bullets, there has been evidence of close collusion between Shell and the Nigerian military regimes of first, General Ibrahim Babangida, and lately General Sani Abacha, to stifle Ogoni calls for autonomy and compensation for oil damage to their lands.

"This is nothing more than neglect. Shell and the military authorities do not care one bit about how much damage the pipelines do, nor do we ever see any of the so-called 'compensation' we are supposed to receive," said Dr Owens Wiwa, the executed activist's brother who ran a clinic in the area until, fearing for his life, he went into hiding last week.

The oil spill from the cracked joint blew on for 40 days and nights until it was repaired. Such a repair, according to Dr Wiwa and his associates, is a rare occurrence. More common, according to Greenpeace, which published a report on environmental damage called *Shell Shocked*, and Human Rights Watch-Africa, is a close working relationship between the army and Shell executives.

The army and "mobile police" who took part in the 1990 massacre were called in at the request of J. P. Odofia, Shell Development Corporation's manager for eastern Nigeria. On another occasion in April 1993, Willbros, an American contractor was commissioned by Shell to bulldoze crops to make way for another pipeline through Ogoni farmland — without conducting any kind of an environmental impact survey. This is required by law in Europe and most of the rest of the world. Several people were wounded when police opened fire on villagers from Biara trying to block the progress of the bulldozers.

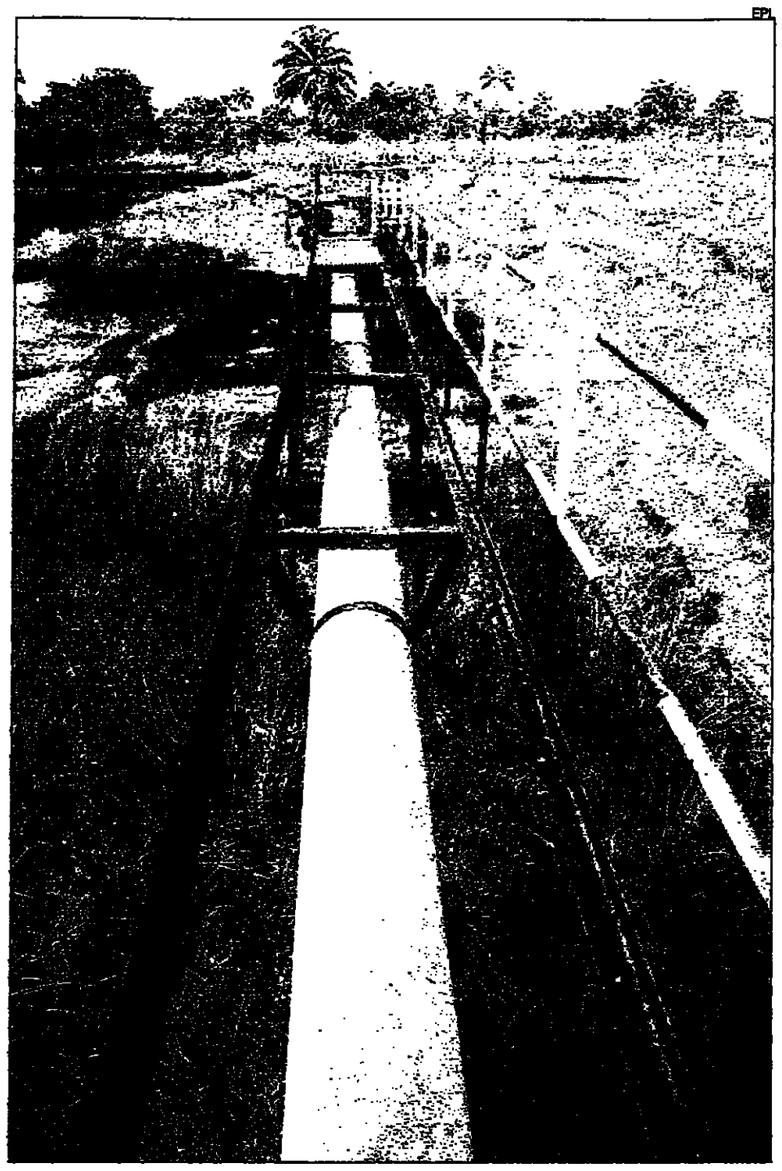
A mother aged 25 was shot in the arm. When I met her the arm was hanging from a gangrenous shoulder. "I dare not see a doctor because they would find the bullet wound. I dare not see Shell for compensation for the same reason. Here it is better to risk a silent death than let the authorities know you exist," she said.

After this incident, a Willbros representative wrote to Shell's Mr Odufia, saying that "fortunately there was a military presence to control the situation and to offer protection to the workers and equipment".

Shell has said that it wants to stay out of the Ogoni crisis and would favour closer links with community leaders. However, executives say what money they have contributed most often ends up in the pockets of the military.

Lagos: Nigeria said British scheming was behind its suspension from the Commonwealth. State-run radio said Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, threw "diplomatic niceties to the wind" about five months ago and said Nigeria might be barred from the Auckland talks. *(Reuter)*

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A Shell pipeline passes through Ogoniland, where farmers complain that leaks are left unrepaired and make their land barren. They claim that one major leak lasted 40 days

ANC launches campaign to tackle Nigeria's 'forces of fascism'

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

IN A throwback to the anti-apartheid struggle, the African National Congress yesterday joined hands with a broad spectrum of groups representing millions of South Africans to launch a campaign to confront the "forces of fascism" in Nigeria and press for democracy.

Cheryl Carolus, the ANC's Deputy Secretary-General, said that the ANC, trade unions, sports organisations and church groups, had formed the South African-Nigerian Democracy Support Group to develop a programme of action to end military rule. The group is discussing a range of punitive measures with Nigerian pro-democracy activists, including the banning of Nigeria from the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year and an oil embargo.

The initiative comes as pressure mounts on the Government, particularly President Mandela, to take a firm lead and match tough talk with tough action. Church leaders yesterday called for economic sanctions to be imposed in six months if the military Government has not begun restoring democracy. Leading the call for sanctions, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who will act as spokesman for the group, has promised to be a "nuisance" in putting pressure on Mr Mandela to act against the Nigerian Government.

Mr Mandela has come under fire for his "constructive engagement" policy towards Nigeria, a stance that the ANC berated Britain for adopting with the apartheid regime. The Government has been stung by accusations of hypocrisy by Nigerian activists who have noted that the ANC benefited from international action to isolate the apartheid regime, but has failed to endorse tough action that would lead to Nigeria's isolation.

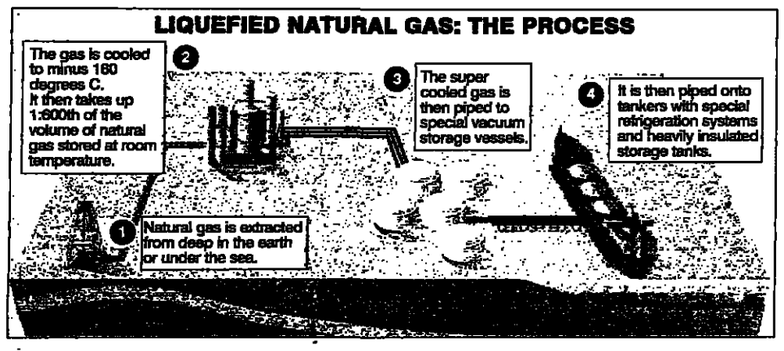
Aziz Pahad, the Deputy Foreign Minister, yesterday dampened hopes for a radical short-term shift in government policy when he confirmed that they are not prepared to take the lead in calling for sanctions. He said that South Africa lacked the economic clout to bring the necessary pressure. He said that those countries with more substantial trade links, namely the United States which buys half Nigeria's oil, were better placed. He added that South Africa must not be seen to be "grandstanding" and would explore punitive action through the United Nations and the Committee of Eight, which was formed at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Auckland, New Zealand.

Ms Carolus was also cautious and said a decision would not be announced until after consultations with democracy groups in Nigeria. The support group, meanwhile, will organise protests against the Nigerian diplomatic mission, beginning with a march to the Johannesburg consulate on Friday led by Archbishop Tutu. Hundreds of Nigerians carrying a paper coffin and shouting "Abacha is a murderer" have already demonstrated outside the consulate.

☐ **Cape Town:** Amnesty International yesterday accused South Africa of failing to take a strong enough stand against Nigeria's military rulers.

"South Africa ... lacks a clear vision of how the principles and commitment to human rights will inform and shape its foreign policy," Pierre Sane, the Secretary-General of the London-based human rights group, said at the end of a three-week visit.

He said South Africa should have taken a stronger line before the execution last week of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer, and eight other human rights activists. "We believe that if a stronger and louder voice had come much beforehand ... maybe we could have avoided this tragedy." *(Reuter)*



Super-cool gas goes a long way

LIQUEFIED natural gas is super-concentrated natural gas used in scores of countries and highly popular in Japan and North America (Nick Nuttall writes).

Rsearchers at British Gas said yesterday that a cup full can run a gas ring for about four hours. It is identical to the gas piped into homes in Britain from the North Sea, but cooled to about minus 160C. This enables it to be shipped round the world very efficiently because at these temperatures the gas occupies one sixth-hundredth of the volume of gas at room temperature.

A spokesman for British Gas said: "One 20,000 tonne liquefied natural gas tank contains the equivalent of 25 million cubic metres of gas. Seven such tanks contain the equivalent of all the gas consumed in Britain on an average day." It is extricated from reservoirs under the ground or the seabed and brought to the surface before being cooled.

A spokesman for Shell said that at the proposed plant in Nigeria the gas would be piped to a storage terminal and then on to tankers. The tankers have refrigeration systems and storage tanks have heavy insulation lagging.

Teenager jailed for murder of Briton

From Associated Press in Monticello, Florida

A TEENAGER who pleaded guilty in the killing of a British tourist in north Florida two years ago was sentenced yesterday to 27 years in prison. The prosecution said Aundra Akins, 16, fired the shots that killed Gary Colley, 34, during a bungled robbery in September 1993.

Akins, 14 at the time, pleaded guilty earlier this year to second-degree murder, which carries a maximum sentence of 40 years. Akins told Nikki Clark, the judge, that he had nightmares and trouble sleeping after the shooting.

Akins apologised in court to Colley's longtime companion, Margaret Jagger, 37, who was wounded in the attack and later identified him.

In exchange for his plea, Akins agreed to testify against John Crumitie, who was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced earlier this month to life. Crumitie, 18, will serve at least 25 years before being eligible for parole. Prosecutors say Akins and Crumitie were the gunmen, and Akins fired the fatal shot.

The murder was the ninth of a foreigner in Florida over a 12-month period.

Security 'iron curtain' angers Israeli leaders

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

AMID dire warnings of more political violence to follow Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Israeli public life has retreated behind an iron curtain of security which many politicians allege is threatening the working of the only real democracy in the Middle East.

Stung by criticism, the internal security service, Shin Bet, has imposed a regime that is threatening the contact between Israeli leaders and the electorate for which the country was famed. Shimon Peres, the acting Prime Minister, now wears a bullet-proof vest on all public appearances and the homes of top politicians from both Left and Right are being guarded around the clock.

"The exaggerated security measures we have been subjected to are reminiscent of a South American banana republic," Yossi Katz, a Labour deputy, told an executive meeting of his party's Knesset faction. He was supported by Nissim Zvilli, the ruling party's secretary-general, who complained: "We simply cannot live with this. It is a very serious problem. They must find a middle way."

Senior political sources said yesterday that requests to relax the new clampdown had been made to Shin Bet by senior government officials, but they had received "a polite refusal".

Fears of more violence over the future of the occupied West Bank — land which right-wing Jews regard as part of Israel's biblical heritage and which the Left wants to hand back to the Arabs — were increased yesterday when a top Israeli reserve officer with knowledge of Jewish settler movements spoke on Israel Radio.

Micha Regev, a lieutenant-colonel who studied at Mercaz HaRav Jewish seminary, the ideological centre for the mainstream settler movement, disclosed that he had warned the authorities of the "specific" danger of more violence by right-wing militants.


Rabin: assassinated at rally for peace

He refused to elaborate, but added: "We are not talking about one man. We are talking about a very deeply rooted ideological movement, part of which is very extreme."

The colonel revealed the existence of a group educated to believe it was in the forefront of a messianic movement dedicated to settling the West Bank (occupied land seized from Jordan in 1967) and that such a group could not now stand by as the land is gradually handed back to the Palestinians under terms of the 1993 peace deal.

"This group is persuaded that the next stage after the redemption of the land and the liberation of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) is the establishment of the temple and here you have, instead of that, Palestinian policemen arriving in the heart of the cities that are holy in their view."

The extent of grassroots anger on both sides of the political divide was demonstrated when left-wing Jewish extremists defaced the walls of Israel's chief rabbinate building in Jerusalem, an act spurred by reports that radical Jewish clergymen had prompted Rabin's assassination by issuing a mystical-type of death warrant against him because of his peace accord with Palestinian leaders.

Row heats up over 'mouse head in chilli'

From Quentin Letts in New York

WENDY'S, the fast-food restaurant chain, yesterday poured scorn on a woman's claim that she found a mouse head in a bowl of the company's chilli.

Tamar Tindall, 22, of New York, claims that she bit on the severed head of a mouse while having lunch at her local Wendy's earlier this month. Her lawyer, Jerrold Parker, yesterday held a press conference in front of the franchise outlet in New York's Queen's borough where the alleged incident took place. Mr Parker said that Miss Tindall "lost consciousness and fell backwards over her chair. After knocking her on her back, the mouse came out of her mouth." An ambulance was called.

Mr Parker said that the restaurant manager had rushed over to Miss Tindall and had said "it's only chicken". A dispute then occurred between the manager and Miss Tindall's family over the alleged mouse head. Miss Tindall, who is unemployed, says she will file a lawsuit against Wendy's for $50 million (£32 million).

A hospital spokesman confirmed that Miss Tindall had arrived in an ambulance accompanied by "what appeared to be a former mouse. She was treated and released for the possible swallowing of same". She took the mouse with her when she left the hospital and it is now in formaldehyde.

A spokesman for Wendy's said: "We have had claims like this before and every one has been a hoax. It's the exact same thing — a mouse in the chilli. It has happened before as a claim and it has been proven false.". The spokesman added that there have been four such claims in the past 15 years. As soon as the alleged incident was reported the remaining chilli was taken to an independent laboratory, he said, and was found to be free of foreign objects. The US Health Department gave the kitchen a clean report.

The alleged incident happened in a restaurant run by a Wendy's franchisee. The spokesman for Wendy's, which is one of America's most successful fast-food chains, said: "The company is very confident that the chilli served to this customer was safe and wholesome." He urged other customers to ignore the lawsuit.

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Scharping: attacked rivals

SPD leader calls for party unity

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

RUDOLF SCHARPING, the leader of Germany's Social Democrats, yesterday admitted having made mistakes, but urged his rivals to stop sabotaging his position. "The squabbling has to stop here and now!" Herr Scharping told the SPD conference in Mannheim.

"If I talk of mistakes, I think of my own first and foremost," Herr Scharping said. As for his critics — by whom he meant above all the prime ministers of Lower Saxony, Gerhard Schröder, and of the Saar, Oskar Lafontaine — they should say to his face what they thought.

Dozens of motions to be discussed this week make clear that delegates are impatient with the scramble for power at the top which has already given Berlin Social Democrats their worst result since the Second World War.

Next March there will be three further state elections, which will determine the strength of European monetary union as a ballot box issue — and the future of Herr Scharping as the official challenger to Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

The party's support has dropped to 27 per cent, 9 per cent lower than last year.

Civil servants sent home as America runs out of money

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE White House ordered the indefinite shutdown of all non-essential government services yesterday after President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders failed to resolve their budgetary stalemate at a last-ditch meeting late on Monday night.

The Government officially ran out of money at midnight local time. At 9.30am Alice Rivlin, the White House budget director, ordered all government department heads "to implement the close-down of affected operations". An estimated 800,000 of 2.1 million federal workers were sent home as top White House and Republicans officials rushed to blame the other side.

Mrs Rivlin and Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, later travelled to Capitol Hill for yet another attempt to defuse the escalating fiscal crisis, but neither side was prepared to predict how long the shutdown might continue.

There have been five shutdowns in the past 15 years, none lasting more than four days, but this time, with a presidential election looming, neither side has much room for manoeuvre. The Republicans are determined to honour their 1994 electoral pledge to balance the budget and drastically shrink the Government over seven years, while Mr Clinton has vowed to protect major social programmes from substantial cuts.

The immediate battle is over two Republican measures designed to keep the Government operating until next month while the Republicans complete their budget plan. Mr Clinton vetoed both measures on Monday, accusing Republicans of attaching conditions that would force him to accept in advance some of the most "objectionable" elements of their budget.

As the President vetoed the second measure, Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Robert Dole, the Senate leader, arrived at the White House for an eleventh-hour meeting. They left before midnight with nothing agreed.

"We went around and around, but we don't have an agreement," said Mr Dole. "This could last for days," said Richard Gephardt, leader of the House Democrats.

Mr Clinton sees advantage in opposing Republican "extremism" that would, he says, destroy America's social fabric. He wants to make no concessions in what is a dress rehearsal for a larger war over the budget proper that could last into the new year and have a huge impact on the presidential election.

The pressure is on the Republicans. A *Washington Post* poll yesterday showed 46 per cent blamed the Republicans and 27 per cent Mr Clinton. Other recent polls have shown waning public support for cuts on the scale the Republicans want.

Mr Gingrich yesterday showed the first glimmer of of compromise, saying the Republicans would drop all conditions if Mr Clinton agreed in principle to balance the budget over seven years.



President Yeltsin before holding high-level talks in a Moscow hospital yesterday

Washington shuts down

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

ON THE day America's Government shut down, 150,000 federal employees in the nation's capital received the most damning of verdicts: they were deemed non-essential and sent home, creating a reverse mid-morning rush hour to the suburbs.

The 430-strong White House staff was cut to 90. The Secret Service and the situation room, which keeps a round-the-clock watch on the world, operated as normal, but only four of Hillary Clinton's 16 aides were kept on.

On Capitol Hill senators reluctantly acquiesced in the closure of their dining rooms. Whitewater hearings were cancelled and constituents found it almost impossible to complain to their congressmen because half the switchboard operators were laid off.

Tourists spots were closed and the National Gallery had to shut its Vermeer exhibition just two days after it had opened. The only way into the museums was electronically through the World Wide Web.

Nasa kept on 1,300 of its 21,000 employees — enough to service the space shuttle *Atlantis as it heads for today's* rendezvous with Russia's space station Mir. Mission Control jokingly told the shuttle's five crew they had "made the list of critical personnel who can report to work".

Yeltsin reasserts control

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday gave his most convincing public performance since he was rushed to hospital nearly three weeks ago after suffering his second heart attack this year.

Looking relaxed and fit and wearing a suit, the Russian leader spoke to reporters at Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital before a meeting with President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, his first foreign visitor since his illness.

"I am holding and controlling the wheel of this large boat which is Russia and I have my finger on the pulse," said the Kremlin leader.

The decision to give the short press conference and hold such high-level talks with one of Russia's most important neighbours seemed calculated to convince the population that Mr Yeltsin, 64, has made a genuine recovery. In his last appearance on television earlier this month, he slurred his speech and looked very ill.

Since then he has had regular contact with his aides and ministers and yesterday he nominated Sergei Dubinin, a former reformist Finance Minister, to head Russia's Central Bank in an attempt to force through key personnel changes before parliamentary elections next month.

Georgians lament loss of local-boy Stalin

BY RICHARD BEESTON

JOSEPH STALIN is steadily enjoying a comeback over the very people he terrorised.

From the chaos of post-Communist Russia to the ethnic conflicts of the Caucasus, a small but vocal minority is clamouring for a return to the days when law and order prevailed at home and the Soviet Union was respected and feared abroad.

Much of the inspiration for the campaign has been directed from Gori, the dictator's home town, where Stalin is still fondly remembered as the local boy made good.

Visiting this small market town 50 miles from Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, is like travelling back to an era when Stalin was "Uncle Joe", rather than the despot who masterminded the deaths of 21 million Soviet citizens.

Were it not for the campaign posters for the 55 parties taking part in the recent parliamentary and presidential elections, the town remains a perfectly preserved monument to his legacy. The main street through Gori is Stalin Avenue. One end is dominated by the Stalin museum, set beside his humble childhood home. The other leads to the main square where a towering statue of the tyrant, the last left standing in the world, looks down on his loyal supporters.

"You should not believe what they say about him, it's all nonsense," said Shalva Mamulashvili, a Second World War veteran, whose eyes still shine when he recalls the fear and respect Stalin commanded. "Stalin was like the head of a large family. He had to be strong to keep the family together. I only wish we could have someone like him today."

Stalin's rehabilitation has spread well beyond Georgia's borders.

Hardline Communists turned out in their thousands earlier this month to mark the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, used the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War to emphasise Stalin's role in the victory over Hitler.

One even more unlikely recent convert to the cause was Eduard Shevardnadze, the newly re-elected Georgian leader, who openly courted the Stalinist vote in his presidential campaign and notably failed to make any criticism of the late dictator during two recent visits to Gori.



Stalin: revival in popular esteem

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Count behind countless Almera disappearances 'regrets nothing'

Nation's relief as Nissan heist's Mr. Big is captured in Spain

THE EVIL megalomaniac who masterminded the abductions of over 6,000 new Nissan Almeras is behind bars.

Just three weeks ago Count De Leboyer orchestrated the dramatic heist of a Nissan cargo ship off the coast of Spain in which over £50 million worth of brand new Almeras went missing. Police captured the Count at his Spanish hideaway yesterday after working on information received from his number two, the Marquis De Brieve. The Count showed no remorse for his crimes. 'Je ne regrette rien' he told reporters.



Nissan's Almera: back in the showrooms

Meanwhile, in dawn raids across Britain, police arrested over fifty wealthy aristocrats who were recruited by the Count to continue his campaign of terror here at home. A spokesman told reporters 'The Count had friends in very high places over whom he exerted an inordinate amount of influence. They were like putty in his hands'.

New Almera owners have been living in constant fear for the safety of their cars since the first disappearance in Britain almost two weeks ago. Since then nearly 1,000 new Almeras have gone missing. The favourite technique used by the abductors involved posing as parking officials and towing legally parked cars away.

Police have now recovered nearly all the missing Almeras from the Marquis De Brieve's private island in the Aegean. They will be returned to their rightful owners over the next few days. A Nissan spokesman told reporters 'To say we are relieved is an understatement. Thanks to exemplary police work all new Almera owners can sleep easy in their beds'.

The Almera was launched to great acclaim on October 19th and boasts levels of comfort and technology not normally associated with a family hatchback. 'The Almera's highly innovative Multilink Beam Suspension system was like a thorn in the Count's side' a police spokesman told reporters. 'He resented the fact that ordinary people could afford a car that offered driver enjoyment without sacrificing passenger comfort and hatched an elaborate plot to get it off the streets'.

Nissan have announced that the new Almera is now readily available from showrooms all over the country. Anyone wishing for more information should call 0345 66 99 66.

Count De Leboyer: unrepentant

Republicans warn Clinton over Bosnia troops vow

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN leaders told President Clinton that Capitol Hill support for sending American troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina was "virtually nil" as Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, yesterday struggled to kickstart stalled peace talks in Ohio.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, told the President in a letter that he would damage Nato's credibility if he could not honour a promise to send ground troops to the region. The presence of up to 20,000 American soldiers as the main element of a Nato peacekeeping force is expected to be tied to any successful outcome of the talks taking place in Dayton, Ohio.

"It would be the gravest possible mistake to reach agreement in Dayton and then find you do not have the support of the American people and Congress," the letter said.

The threat, released as the House of Representatives planned a vote to block funding for the deployment of ground troops to Bosnia, had little effect on an Administration which has both promoted and gambled heavily on the success of its Balkan initiative.

Mr Christopher, making his second appearance in less than a week in Ohio, was hoping to breathe new life into talks between the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia which have reached an inevitable impasse over territory, the status of Sarajevo, the constitution and the future military balance in the region.

Another stumbling block is the insistence of the Bosnian delegation that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader and Ratko Mladic, his military counterpart, be ousted and brought before the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

There has been an increasing realisation within the Clinton Administration that 13 days of talks at Wright-Patterson Air Force base have produced almost no momentum towards an overall settlement. The White House hopes it can achieve a successful outcome in time for Thanksgiving next week when many members of Congress will be away from Washington.

In taking on Capitol Hill opposition to risking American lives in Bosnia, Mr Clinton wants to emulate the tactics used by George Bush in securing congressional support for sending soldiers to the Gulf five years ago. Mr Bush reserved his constitutional right to act if Congress rejected his appeal for funding.

Mr Clinton is hampered by the general belief that there is no vital national interest for America in the Bosnian conflict and the last time forces were deployed for peacekeeping, in Somalia, the mission was disastrous.

Sarajevo: General Phillipe Morillon, the French peacekeeper who offered himself as a human shield during the 1993 siege of Srebrenica, returned to Sarajevo yesterday to say farewell. The five-star general, a former commander of United Nations troops in Bosnia, is leaving the army in January. *(Reuter)*

Juppé welfare cuts assailed on all sides

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ALAIN JUPPÉ, the French Prime Minister, faced mounting criticism from all sides yesterday as he prepared to unveil government plans on the contentious issue of welfare reform.

In Paris, unions staged a march to the National Assembly and snarled rush-hour traffic as part of a "day of protest" against expected cuts in social security spending and a reduction of welfare benefits.

The Force Ouvrière (Worker's Force) union has called for another 24-hour national strike later this month in opposition to the changes. Other unions are likely to follow suit in a strike that could be even more paralysing than the stoppage last month over a plan to freeze civil service pay.

"We've had these rights since de Gaulle, and now the Government is trying to take them away," one demonstrator said.

The Government's reform package to be announced today is expected to include such unpopular measures as tax-rises, increased payroll levies and cuts in welfare spending, particularly on healthcare. France spends nearly 10 per cent of its GDP on healthcare, compared to just over 7 per cent in Britain.

Thousands of union members held meetings, marches and other demonstrations in 80 cities and towns throughout France yesterday. A 28-hour strike by train drivers caused only slight delays and cancellations on some lines, while ferry services and a handful of domestic airline flights were also affected. Tourists at the Eiffel Tower were left waiting after staff went on strike for an hour.

Tackling France's debt-ridden welfare system is crucial in the Government's drive to cut the overall deficit in line with the criteria for European monetary union. M Juppé promised to be "audacious" as he launched a two-day debate on overhauling the system.

A new flat-rate tax is expected to form the cornerstone of M Juppé's reforms, but supporters of Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister, cautioned that increasing the tax burden could slow growth.

Gourmet termites dine out in Paris

BY BEN MACINTYRE

PARISIANS might be forgiven for thinking that some sort of biblical curse is upon them. Following a wave of terrorist bombings and a bout of the worst air pollution on record, the city is now contending with a plague of termites.

Le Parisien newspaper yesterday issued a "termite alert", warning that the burrowing beasties have infested 23 districts in the Paris area and are now nibbling their way through the heart of the city.

The termite is choosy about which buildings it will eat. In the city centre its activities have so far been limited to the exclusive Left Bank, home to intellectuals and politicians. For the moment, however, suburban areas are the worst affected.

In recent years increasing numbers of Parisians have returned home to find their door frames devoured, their parquet gnawed and, in a few cases, their pictures eaten. Some 5,000 Paris buildings have been inspected for termite damage so far, according to hygiene inspectors.

"The situation is not catastrophic, but in certain areas of Paris, it is worrying," the newspaper reported. Some residents fear that the wood-eating insects may eventually undermine house prices as well as buildings.

A stealthy operator, unlike other wood-eaters, the termite leaves no sawdust and makes no noise: the first sign of infestation may come when your Louis XIV armchair suddenly disintegrates.

While its arrival in the middle of Paris may be a comparatively recent phenomenon, termites from the tropics first arrived on French shores towards the end of the 18th century. The first recorded infestation was in Rochefort on France's Atlantic coast. From here the bug travelled slowly north, and was detected on the outskirts of Paris in 1945 after delivery of a shipment of firewood from Bordeaux.

In 1968 Jean de Feytaud, the founding father of French termite studies, discovered the insects in just four outlying Paris neighbourhoods; by 1981, *termites* had chewed their way into 12 localities and by this year they had spread to almost every part of Paris, with the odd exception of the Right Bank. Perhaps, like many other tourists, they simply find the food is better on the Left Bank of the Seine.

Britain opposes wider EU role

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

BRITAIN was described yesterday as the odd man out by opposing European Union control of the continent's military matters at a meeting in Madrid between the foreign and defence ministers of 27 countries.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, told a summit of the Western European Union (WEU), with responsibilities for security and defence, that Britain was completely opposed to a fusion with the EU which would make the European Council responsible for all the WEU's activities. They faced fierce opposition from the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium and a Spanish diplomat said during the debate that Britain was "the odd man out".

The meeting agreed to submit three main options to the inter-governmental conference of the EU in 1996, suggesting how far the WEU will work with Brussels. The first option, solely proposed by Britain, suggests that the WEU retain its autonomy and work back-to-back with the European Council. The second option would make the WEU subordinate to the EU and the third would merge the WEU and EU immediately.

Mr Rifkind said Britain's support for the first option was based on the fact that the European Council consists of 15 members, four of whom are neutral countries which have no collective defence commitment under either the WEU or Nato.

"Therefore we believe it is simply not realistic or possible to give the European Council decision-making over the WEU when some countries are not members of it and when associate members, like Turkey and Norway, are not in the European Council."



Rifkind: view attacked by European partners

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Rebels poised for final battle

Sri Lankan troops capture Tamils' main base in Jaffna

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Sri Lankan Army, pressing its advance into the Tamil Tiger stronghold of Jaffna town, last night announced the capture of the rebels' main political headquarters on the outskirts.

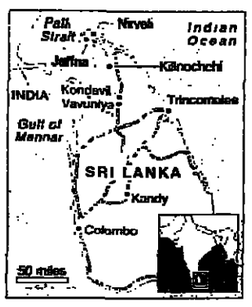
It is another humiliating defeat for the fighters, who have been scattered. Their de facto homeland on the Jaffna peninsula has collapsed and the town could be overrun within days.

Tamils reaching the northern town of Vavuniya said the political base was overwhelmed at Kondavil, three miles north of the town. At least 50,000 residents fled the shattered city, which used to have 200,000 residents, leaving it all but empty save for Tiger fighters bracing for the final battle.

According to aid agencies, 400,000 people have fled their homes to avoid the fighting there. The International Committee of the Red Cross, in a statement in Geneva, put the figure at 250,000. Most are homeless and are enduring monsoon storms.

The Red Cross announced that it was pulling out of the town because of the likelihood of intense fighting. It has moved temporarily to the northern coastal town of Point Pedro, which is held by the Tigers. A convoy of 30 vehicles and 220 people reached the destination safely last night.

The Tigers are putting up fierce resistance, but the fall of Jaffna, their headquarters for five years, is inevitable. The army said two divisions encountered large numbers of anti-personnel mines: 51 Division was advancing on the eastern flank but had been slowed by minefields, while 52 Division was marching from the west, where it captured a large rebel training camp three miles from the town.



A military communiqué said the camp had an elaborate network of roads and well-laid out building complexes, a lecture hall with underground bunkers and well-prepared training areas. The Tigers met the advancing troops with mortars but their mortar positions were "neutralised".

Troops recovered small arms, rocket launchers and other equipment. Fleeing Jaffna residents said the army yesterday captured the suburb of Thinnaveli, a mile from the town centre.

There seems little doubt that most top Tiger officials have fled the town, including Velupillai Prabhakaran, their leader. Many have crossed the Jaffna lagoon and reached the haven of jungles in Kilinochchi district on the mainland. More than 100,000 refugees, fleeing across the lagoon in small boats, have also arrived there.

This is the greatest crisis for the Tigers in their 12-year war for a Tamil homeland in the Northern and Eastern provinces of the island. They claimed last night that the army had destroyed Tamil-owned property, but a military spokesman denied this.

The army is cautious in its advance into Jaffna because it fears that the Tigers might attack with suicide bombers. Now that Jaffna is virtually a ghost town, it is possible that the Air Force will be employed in the final battle.

Civilian casualties have been remarkably light and the Government has gained international credibility for its conduct of the war. The aim of the offensive is to force the Tigers into negotiations. The Government has offered substantial devolution, which would give Tamils unprecedented sovereignty over the Northern and Eastern provinces.

The plan is in trouble because of resistance from the Sinhalese majority, which fears it could lead to the break-up of the country. At the last count, the Government was still 11 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to push it through parliament.

Foreign aid talks are called off

Colombo: A meeting of foreign donors and non-governmental agencies in Sri Lanka was called off yesterday after noisy protests and a mob attack on photographers and journalists, the organisers said. The two-day meeting, scheduled to start today in the southern beach resort of Bentota, was abandoned as crowds denounced the gathering as an attempt to support the Tigers. *(AFP)*



TV chase arrest

A suspected serial killer is pushed towards a patrol car in Kentucky. Glen Rogers, 33, wanted in five states, was arrested after a high-speed police chase that was televised nationwide (Giles Whittell writes). The chase followed a cross-country manhunt linked to the murders of four women in the past six weeks. Mr Rogers, who denied any involvement in the killings, was free on probation because of a legal error in Los Angeles earlier this year, according to local news reports. He was spotted after a news item on the television programme *America's Most Wanted*. California police want to question Mr Rogers about three other murders. He is also wanted in connection with the murders of a 72 year-old Kentucky man and of three women killed in the past ten days in Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana. His sister, Sue Rogers, claimed on television that he had boasted to her of killing 55 people.

Jiang attacks Japan 'militarism'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

PRESIDENT Jiang Zemin of China, in a surprising attack on Japan during the first visit of a Chinese head of state to South Korea, yesterday urged vigilance against what he called a "Japanese militarist minority".

"Although half a century has passed since the end of a war between China and Japan, some Japanese politicians still have a wrong historical view," Mr Jiang said in a news conference with President Kim Young Sam of South Korea.

"The key problem is whether Japan recognises that the war was an act of aggression," said Mr Jiang.

President Kim, reflecting outrage in Seoul over a statement by a Japanese minister, Takami Eto, that Japan did "good things" in Korea under Japanese colonialism, said: "We will correct Japan's bad habits."

As Chinese and South Korean negotiators discussed trade, which is forecast to reach £9.5 billion this year, Mr Jiang seemed to jump headfirst into the middle of the row between Seoul and Tokyo.

Mr Eto resigned on Monday, but his off-the-record remarks still rankled with Koreans. Yesterday Mr Jiang became the first leader from a communist country to address the National Assembly, dramatically illustrating Peking's growing relationship with Seoul and the expense of its old communist ally in Pyongyang.

Seoul and Peking established formal ties in 1992, concluding decades of hostility following China's backing for the North in the Korean War.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britons detained by China

Hong Kong: Chinese border guards detained eight Britons for nine hours yesterday. The eight had tried to enter Shenzhen to apply for five-day visas — standard practice for quick trips from Hong Kong.

One of the detainees, John Powell, a Hong Kong-based businessman, said they were told by border guards they were being held because Britain had refused to let a Chinese disembark from a flight in London.

The eight were released after being told to each pay a HK$500 (£41) fine for having tried to enter China illegally. Hong Kong radio said the British Embassy in Peking was making inquiries. *(AFP)*

Guerrillas claim hostage is dying

Srinagar: Kashmiri separatists who have been holding four Western tourists captive for more than four months said yesterday that one was very sick and could die. The Al Faran kidnappers did not name the hostage. Earlier, they had said the American, and one of the two Britons were ill. Al Faran has said it will kill the hostages if India does not release 15 of their jailed comrades. India has rejected the demand. *(AP)*

Peace training

Harare: The first regional UN peacekeeping centre, to tackle genocidal conflicts, has been opened in Harare. The centre will run peacekeeping training courses and be a logistics base for limited amounts of equipment. *(AFP)*

Haitians shot

Port-au-Prince: Four people, mostly suspected followers of Haiti's former military regime, were shot dead and nine were wounded during a pro-government demonstration in Gonaives, 93 miles northwest of the capital. *(AFP)*

Diplomat killed

Geneva: Swiss authorities launched a top-level inquiry into the killing of Ahmed Alaa Nazmi, an Egyptian diplomat shot in the garage of his Geneva flat building, suggesting that police believe the motive was political. *(Reuter)*

Asylum sought

Jakarta: Twenty-one East Timorese sought political asylum in the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta. Japan said it was unlikely to give them refuge. They are the third group to enter an embassy in Indonesia in two months. *(Reuter)*

Fraud diagnosed

San Sebastian: A prosecutor is demanding 10 years' jail for a man who posed as a gynaecologist. The man, on trial in this Spanish town, treated more than 10,000 women over 14 years but had no medical qualifications. *(Reuter)*

Number's up

Taipei: The city government here is to allow people to delete the number '4' from their addresses after numerous complaints from superstitious residents. The number sounds similar to the word "death" in Chinese. *(AP)*

Observers press Algeria to explain 4m increase in voters on eve of poll

FROM MARK HUBAND IN ALGIERS

INTERNATIONAL election observers have demanded that the Algerian Government explain why the country's list of voters to be used in tomorrow's presidential poll has four million more names than at the last poll in 1991.

Concern is growing among the observers invited to oversee the election that the discrepancy could fuel claims by militant Muslims, who have threatened to prevent voting taking place, and other critics that the election is rigged. Three teams of observers, 50 from the Organisation of African Unity, 44 from the Arab League and seven from the United Nations, are in Algiers.

At a meeting of observers and government officials on Monday, the Government agreed to meet OAU demands for a detailed explanation of how the voter list grew from 12 million to 16 million. The election is expected to be won by President Zeroual.

A government spokesman yesterday said that since 1991, four million people had reached the voting age of 18, thereby explaining the massive increase. However, the observers are calling for a more detailed explanation.

"This is one of the issues that has disturbed us, and we want to know how the census was drawn-up," one said yesterday.

Mr Zeroual attempted to broaden his electoral appeal by distancing himself from the army which put him in power. In his final campaign speech before polling he portrayed himself as an independent candidate, hinting that dialogue with armed Islamic militants may be resumed if he wins outright in the first round of voting.

At a rally in Algiers Mr Zeroual told 5,000 supporters that the crisis in Algeria, which has left up to 40,000 people dead over nearly four years, had been inspired by foreigners wanting to weaken the oil-rich country.

The composition of the three observer groups reflects the international concern over the Algerian crisis. It is the first time that Arab League states have sent observers to an election. Their presence will bolster the Government in its fight against armed Islamic militants. One Arab League observer commented that it was crucial for the Government to show that it was willing to have the elections openly scrutinised by outside observers.



Zeroual: distanced himself from military backers

However, acceptance of the limitations on the role of the observers was expressed by the leader of the OAU mission, Amadou Toumani Toure, a former military President of Mali who oversaw a succesful transition to democracy in his country.

"There's not a country in the world where there's total transparency," said General Toure. The OAU has refused to comment on election strategy, which has been criticised by Western diplomats as unlikely to solve the crisis owing to the absence of key parties, notably the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS).

The FIS and other parties view the election as an attempt by the Zeroual Government to legitimise the military eradication of militant Muslims.

After a three-week election campaign, the four candidates have shown that the armed conflict has not prevented them from taking part in public debates and conducting walkabouts in most parts of the country. Election fever has been intensified by voting by the 700,000 Algerians living in France earlier this week.

The size of the voter turnout tomorrow will show how influential political Islam has remained, after years of violence for which the Islamic groups have been held largely responsible.



Wary India denies visa to writer

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

TASLIMA Nasreen, the fugitive Bangladeshi writer whose life was threatened by Islamic fundamentalists, has been denied a visa to enter India. Delhi evidently fears upsetting Muslim voters in the run-up to a general election next year.

The writer is unable to return home because of continuing fears for her life. The Dhaka Government, also facing an election next year, hopes she will stay away. It does not want large-scale street protests.

Ms Nasreen, who has been living in Berlin for almost three months on an academic fellowship, applied for a tourist visa to visit Bangladeshi friends and relatives in India. The request was forwarded to Delhi and embassy officials in Germany were instructed to reject it. She was told the official reason was concern for her security. But clearly the Government fears that her visit could be used to turn Muslim voters away from the governing Congress Party.

Gulf rulers blame foreigners for blast

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GULF Arab rulers voiced outrage and alarm at the Riyadh blast which killed six people, including five Americans, while shocked Saudi authorities promised to spare no effort to catch the bombers.

A team of American experts from the State Department and the FBI was due to arrive yesterday evening to help to sift through the wreckage at the military centre. They will want to know whether the explosive used points to a foreign-inspired attack or one by local opposition groups.

Leading Saudi dissidents in London yesterday doubted that the explosion was the work of Iranians, but gave a warning that "the door to bloodshed had been opened and it will be very difficult to close that door again". The Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, an opposition group headed by Muhammad al-Massari and a thorn in the Royal Family's flesh, denied any responsibility, saying its opposition was conducted by argument.

Saudi Arabia's Gulf allies were quick to condemn the attack, which the Gulf Co-operation Council called a "criminal and sinful act" that contradicted the teachings of Islam. The council, comprising Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, said that the attack was alien to the region and blamed "the hands of foreigners targeting stability".

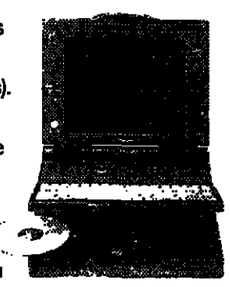
Other Middle East states were equally alarmed at the prospect of violence in Saudi Arabia, whose oil wealth makes it an influential power. King Hassan of Morocco wrote to King Fahd to deplore the "odious crime" and express his solidarity. Fellow monarchs and conservative rulers are convinced that militant Islamic groups — some, ironically, depending indirectly on past Saudi financial aid — will exploit the attack to shake international confidence in the ruling family.

A spokesman for Dr Massari cast doubt on reports that Iran was behind the attack, saying the Shia Muslims had "made arrangements" with the regime.

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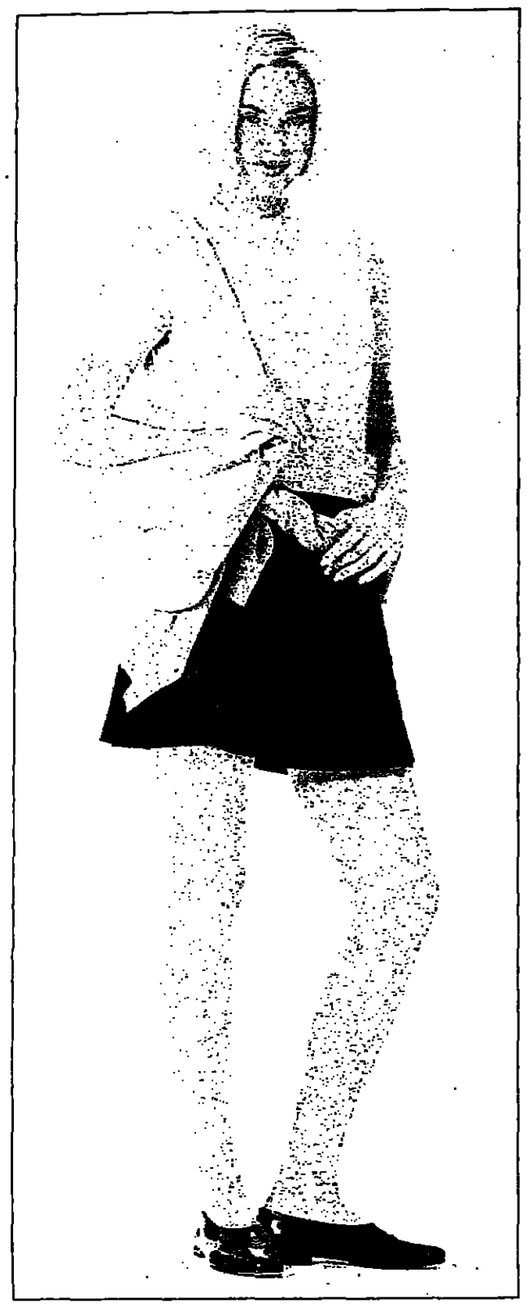
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Three fashion experts transform the black dress

One dress for day and night

The glossy *magazines* are gearing themselves up for Christmas. "You only need one party dress this season," says the editorial in the latest issue of *Elle* magazine. "but it has to be black."

The *Elle* fashion team selects 50 black dresses: some little, some long. Some pricey (a jersey dress by Chanel for £1,650), some with unbeatable price tags (a chiffon dress from Dorothy Perkins for £39.99). Meanwhile, over at *Marie Claire* they have also been busy sifting through the racks and offer no fewer than 101 variations on the theme (under £100) which promise to "see you through the party season".



Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

Vogue features Claudia Schiffer in black lace and satin and Paula Yates in a Hervé Leger stretch bandage dress and maintains that "monotone needn't be monotonous".

There can be few items of clothing which reappear on the catwalk with such regularity as the black dress. This season the international collections were filled with them, from the formal look of Calvin Klein's starchy duchesse satin shifts, to the barely-there wisps of chiffon and lace by Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel.

At Prada, the silhouette featured a bell-shaped skirt and spaghetti straps. Helmut Lang offered a strapless sheath while at Dolce & Gabbana the favoured shape was a slimline 1960s Jackie O shift. Naturally the high street has been quick to follow and less expensive versions are available from Episode, Warehouse, Oasis, Kookai, River Island, Whistles and Dorothy Perkins among others.

The modern little black dress has added value, having moved beyond the confines of occasion dressing. With evening fabrics such as satin, velvet and silk jersey crossing the cocktail-hour barrier and working as daytime options, the fashion crowd has been quick to realise its usefulness. They slip into one to wear to work and, later in the day, with a few minor adjustments, trip out into the night.

The black shift dress is what Kim Stringer, the associate fashion and beauty editor at *Elle*, calls a "go anywhere dress. In the 1950s and 1960s the black dress was always swished up to the nines. In the 1990s it's far more casual."

When we asked her to restyle a dress to go from day to evening wear, Stringer created a daytime look by layering the dress with a little sweater, and a cardigan wrapped around the waist. The same look can be achieved with a shiny, skinny shirt. This gives the appearance of a two-piece outfit. Elizabeth Walker, the executive fashion and beauty editor at *Marie Claire*, favours this look, too. "But don't put anything underneath," Walker says, "especially not a T-shirt under a slip dress, as this now looks tired and old-fashioned."

Flat pumps lend the look a new proportion for day. A pair of high heeled mules are, "instantly recognisable as an evening look", Stringer says.

Walker streamlined the dress for evening, adding just a diamante belt, bag and kitten heel sandals. "You only want to take the minimum of extra bits and pieces to work with you," she says. "For evening you don't need to look lavish, just well groomed."

Kate Phelan, the fashion editor at *Vogue*, simply swapped coats — camel for day, shocking pink for night — and trendy, must-have accessories: a daytime Prada bag is replaced by a diamante Tiffany cross. And, to complete the look, "maybe a smudge of *Elizabeth Arden 8 Hour* Cream on lips and eyelids".







THE MARIE CLAIRE LOOK, by Elizabeth Walker, executive fashion editor

Day: Black satin shift dress, £41.99, Oasis, Regent St, W1. Dogtooth check coat, £89.99, Warehouse (0181-910 1400). Cashmere cardigan, £175, N. Peal, as below. Patent handbag, £29.50, Dollargrand, Selfridges, W1. Sunglasses, Cutler & Gross, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black suede boots, £345, Gina, Sloane St, SW1.

Evening: Black dress, Oasis, as above. Diamante strand belt, £93, Otto Glanz, Selfridges, as above, and Fenwicks, Bond St, W1. Diamante handbag, £30, Cornucopia, Upper Tachbrook St, SW1. Sunglasses, £89, Cutler & Gross, as above. Black slingbacks, £175, Gina, as above.

THE ELLE LOOK by Kim Stringer, associate fashion editor

Day: Black wool crepe shift dress, £110, Whistles, Sloane St, SW3. Rib sweater, £19.99, Dorothy Perkins, nationwide. Cashmere cardigan, £175, N. Peal, Burlington Arcade, W1; Natural suede bag, £80, Graeme Ellisdon, Osprey, St Christopher's Place, W1. Patent shoes, £55, Bertie, Fenwicks. Cosmetics Factor 1 Tights, £2.99, Sock Shop, branches nationwide.

Evening: Black dress, Whistles, as before. Pale pink beaded cardigan, £70, French Connection, branches nationwide. Fake snakeskin clutch bag, £24.99, Ravel, branches nationwide (0171-631 0224). Clear plastic and pink silk mules, £165, to order, Jimmy Choo (0171-249 2082). Tights, £2.99, Sock Shop, branches nationwide





THE VOGUE LOOK, by Kate Phelan, fashion editor

Day: Black bouclé shift dress, £150, Whistles, as above. Camel coat, £199, Penny Black, Fenwicks, as above right. Black leather shoulder bag, £395, Prada, Joseph, Fulham Rd, SW3. Black kitten heel shoes, £165, Gina, as above right. Tights, Sock Shop, see above.

Evening: Black dress, Whistles, as before. Pink moleskin coat, £595, Voyage, Fulham Rd, SW3. Silver chain belt, £52 approx, Sally Gissing, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Diamante cross, £48, Butler & Wilson, Fulham Rd, SW3; South Molton St, W1; Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black satin shoes, £275, Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church St, SW3.

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- Nylon mix shift dress, £49.99, Richards, selected branches nationwide (0181-910 1208).
- Belted, grosgrain dress, £35, BhS branches nationwide (0171-262 3288).
- Polyester/viscose belted dress, £40, Marks & Spencer, selected branches nationwide (0171-935 4422).
- Stretch satin shift dress, £29.99, Miss Selfridge, selected branches nationwide (0181-910 1000).
- Wool shift dress, £54.99, Jane Norman, branches nationwide (0171-437 0132).
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Peter Millar on why the nine o'clock watershed should be protecting Rowan Atkinson's fans from *The Thin Blue Line* and its smutty humour

Too much sauce from Mr Bean

When is a joke not a joke? Answer: when it's not funny. When does it cause offence? Answer: when it's told in the wrong company.

The Broadcasting Standards Council has felt obliged to stand up for itself, claiming that the bulk of complaints it receives come not just from cranks and pressure groups but from ordinary members of the public. Let me add one to their list: in castigation of the nation's number one funny man, Rowan Atkinson, and his overrated scriptwriter.

The Thin Blue Line, much heralded as Britain's breeziest new sit-com, written by Ben Elton, took television standards to a new low in its debut episode this week. Not only was it not funny — I accept there may be subjective opinions on that; the ratings will tell — but it broke one of broadcasting's most basic rules: it went out the wrong side of the nine o'clock watershed.

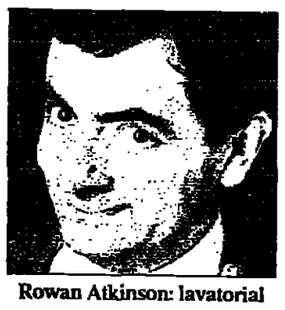
The nine o'clock rule is not just about nudity, violence and obscenity; it is about adult content. *The Thin Blue Line* overstepped the line by a long chalk, even if the "adult" content was pretty puerile. No one had warned us that the "blue" in the title was a reference to the colour of the humour.

My 11-year-old son at first thought it funny that Atkinson's police inspector still read Biggles books. But when the "real joke" followed through — that he was too naive to realise that Biggles and Algy were homosexuals, "lovers, sir" — he looked sadly confused. That was before we got to the bit about them "always squeezing into each other's cockpits".

The point is that my 11-year-old son does read Biggles books. In fact, he has just discovered my old collection. And just because Elton, in supposedly sophisticated early middle age, can now squeeze a cheap laugh at the uncomplicated mores of an earlier generation, seems a tawdry reason to jade the perspectives of today's kids.

My boy enjoys Biggles. In fact, he sees him just as Inspector Fowler did: upstanding, brave, comradely, as his creator, the no doubt equally naive Captain W. E. Johns, intended. Elton may snigger. But he is no longer 11. To judge by this demonstration of adolescent smut, he is permanently stuck at an Adrian Mole-ish fourteen and three-quarters.

The Biggles episode was just one example. There were others, scraping in below the nine o'clock rule because the punchline was innuendo rather than explicit. The half-hour was steeped in lavatorial and sexual suggestion, which was not at all what I had allowed my two boys, especially the younger, eight-year-old, the treat of staying up to watch. This was Mr Bean, after all, one of their favourites.



Rowan Atkinson: lavatorial

The stereotyping is part of the problem. Atkinson, though he rarely if ever scripts a line, is still a comic genius of facial and body language. Not since Buster Keaton has there been a silent star to match Mr Bean.

In the multimedia age, to all but ignore the medium of speech and still elicit gales of laughter was a triumph. Above all, *Mr Bean* was not just funny for adults but hugely children-friendly. *Blackadder* — an equal success — was different. It was packaged as (more or less) adult humour, albeit playing on the post-Python slapstick nudge-nudge factor. But it was relegated as a rule-of-thumb to after nine o'clock.

The obvious streetwise answer to my sudden prudery attack is to retaliate that modern children hear this sort of thing all the time in the school playground. Maybe. But it is precisely because of this argument that an increasingly large number of parents over the past decade have saved hard and paid out substantial sums of money to send their children to independent schools to make sure they hear as little of it as possible.

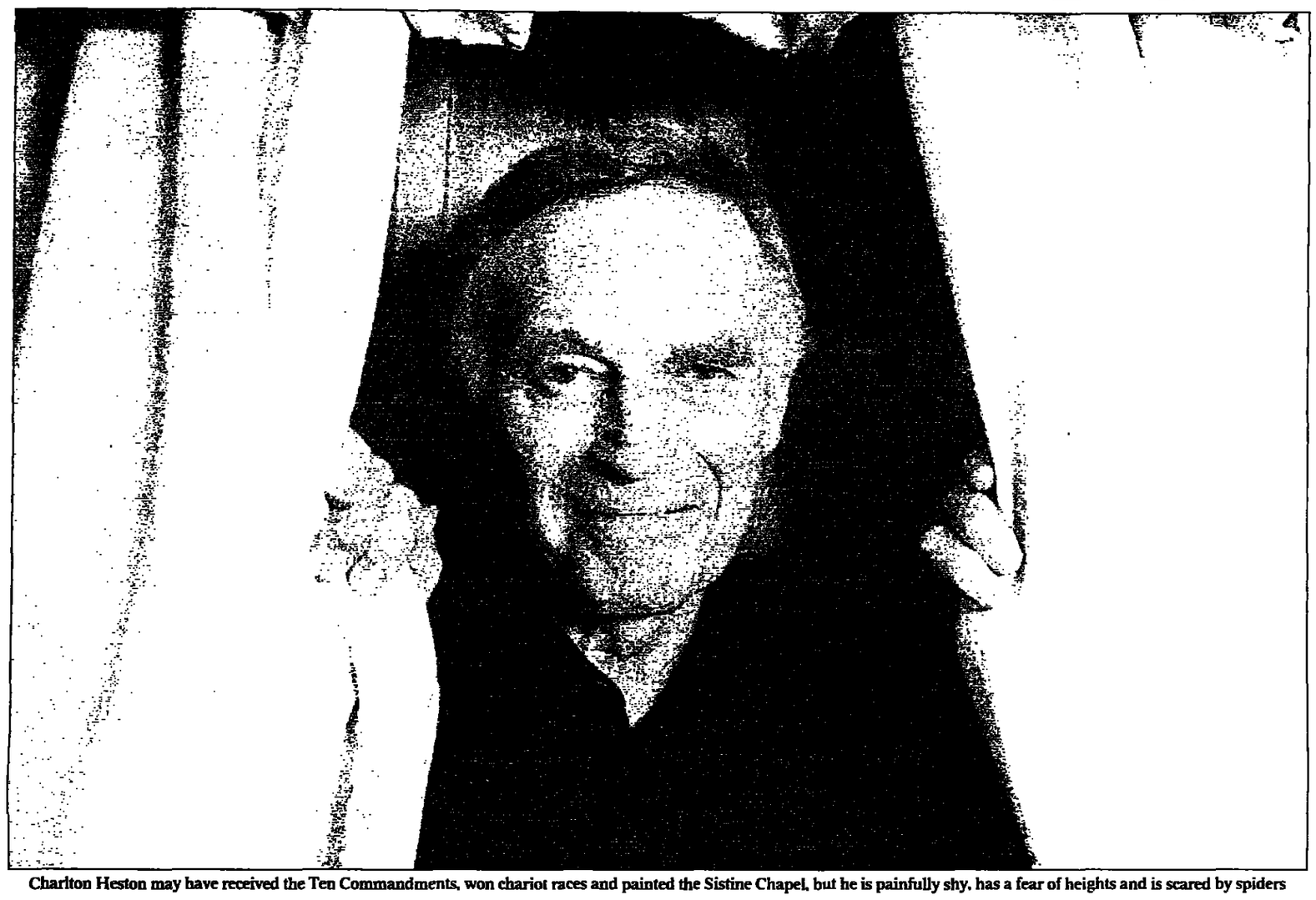
It is easy to go on about "cosseting" and "the real world", but we do not just react to the world around us, we are also responsible for it.

Television sit-coms play a crucial role in shaping the attitudes of children towards humour, and therefore life. The need to be ever more "daring" is a phoney imperative, as is the enthusiasm for rubbishing old standards. Elton and co may sneer at the old-fashioned naivety of *Terry and June*, *The Good Life* or *Some Mothers do 'Ave Them* (though my children, thanks to UK Gold still have the chance to roar at them). If we disillusion our children of naivety at an ever earlier age, how can we complain at the younger generation's lack of innocence?

The point is not just that *The Thin Blue Line* is bad: there are lots of unfunny comedies on British television. But if its content is to continue in the same vein, it must be switched to a later time. I hope the Broadcasting Standards Council is listening.

'I seem to have been a star for most of my life'

Dalya Alberge meets the man who parted the Red Sea



Charlton Heston may have received the Ten Commandments, won chariot races and painted the Sistine Chapel, but he is painfully shy, has a fear of heights and is scared by spiders

"I was a nerd, before the word had even been invented — shy, skinny, short, pimply, and ill-dressed." Impossible though it is to believe, that's how Charlton Heston says he looked as a teenager. Even today, Hollywood's giant among warriors and prophets reassures mere mortals by admitting to human weaknesses off screen. The man who climbed a mountain as Moses and scaled scaffolding as Michelangelo to paint the Sistine ceiling has a fear of heights; and he who fought off creepy-crawlies in a film about killer-ants is frightened of spiders. There's more: Heston was a giant among nerds. The heart-throb who thrilled the world with his physique in *Ben-Hur*, with some of the world's most beautiful actresses falling at his feet, was so shy with the opposite sex in real life that he struggled to woo the girl who would eventually become his wife.

Earlier this week, I found myself sipping coffee with that strikingly good-looking man and that same woman, more than 50 years after they were married. Though 71 and grey, his famous 6ft 3in physique and those craggy features remain as strong off screen as on. His nose, seemingly chiselled, gives him his tough trademark: he broke it in a school football game. "It hurt like hell at the time, but it's gotten me a lot of parts," he recalls. His voice has that familiar grittiness to it and, however hard he tries, all his lines sound like extracts from the script of some epic. There is something unreal about him: if he didn't exist, Hollywood would probably have invented someone just like him.

My excuse for meeting him is his autobiography, published this month, and based on 40 years of diary writing. It covers an acting career spanning half a century and an actor who has played in some of the most popular films in cinema history with every star from Laurence Olivier to Orson Welles. The book is as hefty as the *Oxford Companion to Literature*, with an index so thorough it includes "Heston — facial hair of" and "Heston — tennis playing of".

So extensive is the book, it seems at first impossible to find something that he has not covered. Political correctness gets a brief mention, and emerges as a subject on which he is passionate. "It stains the language. They have words taken away and phrases twisted. It's ridiculous." He compares it with Orwell's *1984*, "a satire on things that could never happen. But it *is* happening." He feels strongly about feminists, arguing that they have lost more than they have gained. "They have to take some responsibility for the destruction of the family. They say a child doesn't need a father. Of course he needs a father. A mother too. Living together."

> 'Their divorce left me in deep trauma for years'

His views on the family seem strengthened by what "remains the most traumatic experience of my life". Despite the fame, and the passing of decades, he still suffers from his parents' divorce when he was ten. To conceal "the unspeakable secret", he took his surname from his mother's second husband, Chet Heston. Even writing about it proved painful.

Heston began dreaming of an acting career at school, before joining an amateur theatre group through which he was awarded a scholarship to the School of Speech at Northwestern University.

It was as a student that he met Lydia, the woman he would eventually marry. He fell in love "almost instantly", though the feelings were not mutual. "I thought he was dreadful, so arrogant," she laughs. He was so awkward with girls, he could not come up with the lines to ask her out. "Part of my problem was that I had no money so I couldn't take her anywhere."

Married life began in a single room in Chicago: "No refrigerator, but we did have a record player and an awful lot of books." They moved to New York, to a flat with two tiny rooms, occasionally running hot water and scurrying cockroaches. There was no heating. "We were just about broke most of the time."

They made ends meet by posing for artists in life-classes, at $1.25 an hour. At the same time, they each pursued acting careers. "I left pictures and resumés with three-quarters of the agents and producers in town," recalls Heston, though he insists he never doubted that he would make it. He claims never to have suffered nerves: "You'll see someone with a script and their hand shaking. You think, why is he doing it? He doesn't like acting."

It was for *Ben-Hur* that Heston received an Oscar for Best Actor. He describes the weeks of training for the chariot race, watched by 4,000 extras who had to be handled with military precision. He laments that studios can no longer afford to make epics. The $14.7 million it cost to make that film in 1959 (then a record figure) would today be $185 million.

Although Heston speaks with awe of Olivier or Welles, he can lash out at fellow actors. He attacks Jason Robards who played Brutus to Heston's Mark Antony in *Julius Caesar*. "Casting Jason turned out to be a mistake. He was going through a bad time in his life. His marriage to Lauren Bacall was coming to an end and he had other problems."

He believes that *El Cid*, though "impeccably designed and superbly photographed", was let down by its script; whereas Christopher Fry saved *The Ten Commandments* by reworking Gore Vidal's original script (for example, rewriting "You didn't like the food?" as "The meal did not please you?") He comments too on a mistake in *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, about the four years in which Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel: the specially-constructed artist's studio had a half-finished cast of Michelangelo's Moses in a corner. But as Heston points out, "he didn't start work on the Moses until nearly 30 years later. I hate dumb errors."

Heston says that today when directors want "the real thing", he could not have played El Cid or Michelangelo because they would want a Spaniard or an Italian. Even Moses would be difficult, he jokes, recalling that after Moses, John the Baptist and Judah Ben-Hur, "Willy Wyler said I was the best imitation Jew in Hollywood".

Heston says he has never walked off set or missed a day's rehearsal or performance in 60-odd films.

He is a quiet family man who has lived in the same Beverly Hills house he built in 1960, who never travels with an entourage and shies away from the party circuit. He finds stardom a difficult label to handle. Yet, as he puts it, being a star has "been my job description for most of my life".

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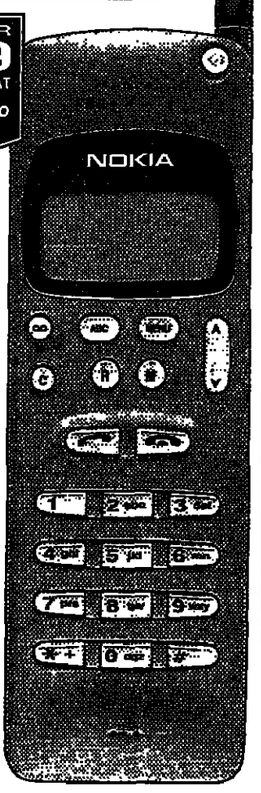
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■ Why do so many companies write to me about my parallel existence?

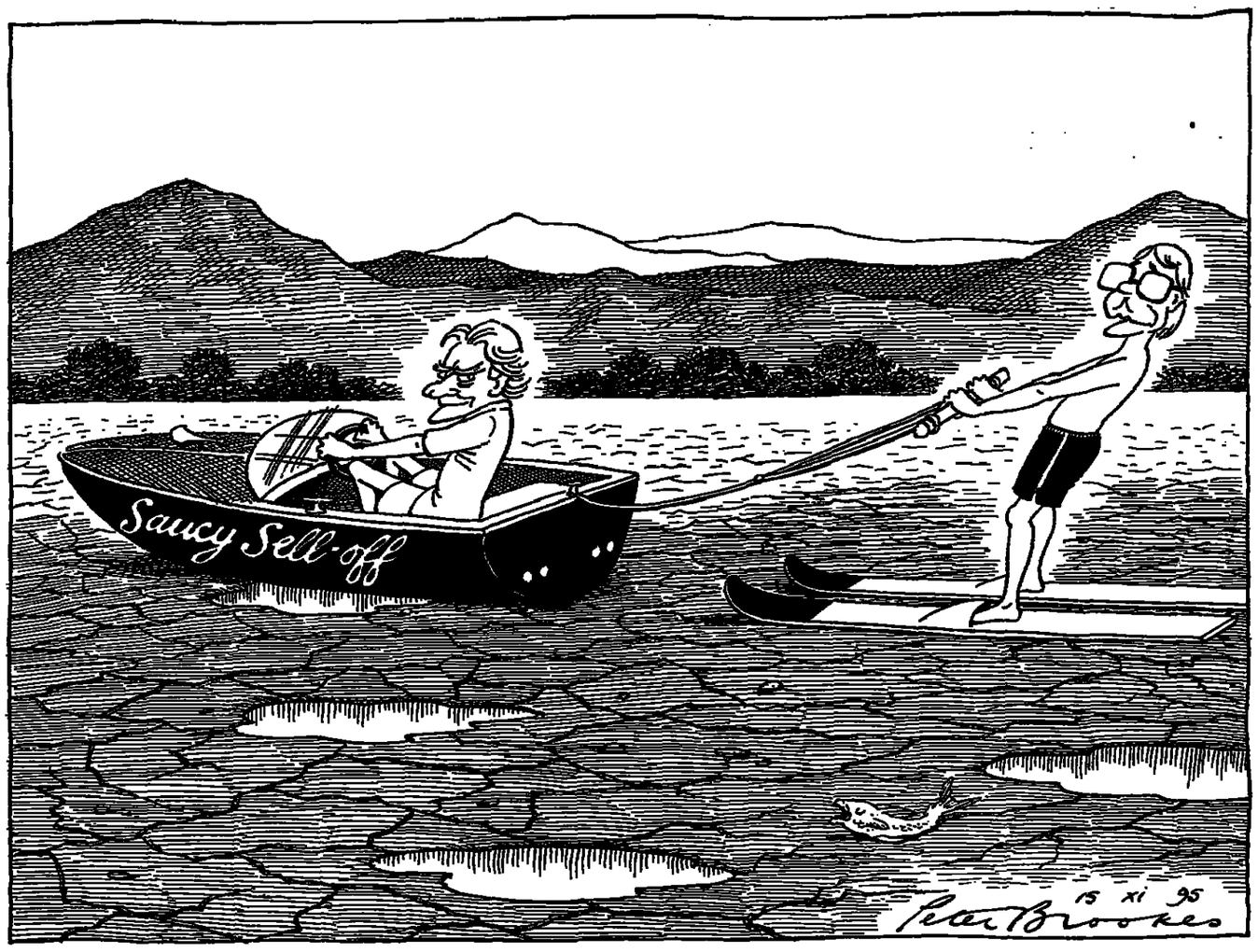
Today, I ask you to forget all the excitable chitchat about parallel universes in which the parallel fingers belonging to the parallel face above have just finished typing: "Never mind all the excitable chit-chat about . . . ", and I ask you to forget it because the undemonstrable notion that each of us has the same identity somewhere else is not half as important as the demonstrable one that each of us has different identities here. There are now lots of each of us about: and what is more important yet, and twice as unsettling, is that there seems to be no way of preventing our different identities from exponentially increasing with every passing hour. By the time I have finished cobbling this brief feuilleton, there could well be three more of me, each increasingly different from the one before.

For you and I are, willy-nilly, being artificially bred: a grisly system of social engineering has been put in place whereby the assorted bits and bobs which comprise our identities are constantly being rearranged by forces beyond our control, and, as a result, turning into new identities ever more different from the original we believe ourselves to be. I think I know who I am and what I do, you may think you know who I am and what I do, but did either of us realise that I was at the same time a senior academic, top piano-player, international businessman, professional motor mechanic and serious cook, who not only hurtled the world on Concorde collecting first editions, good-looking women, sporting guns, Havana cigars, hand-painted ties and entire forests of dwarf conifers for arcane tax purposes, but also dreamt both of being back at his desk within 24 hours of having his hernia fixed, and of finding enough time in that same busy schedule to see the Great Wall of China, raise ornamental ducks, learn para-surfing, and cheer on half a racehorse of his very own?

And all that, I swear, is but a selection of the considered judgments which have been made about me by commercial (of course) organisations which have written to me over the past few months, confident in the belief that they have got me so bang to rights that my fat cheque will be in the first post back. How is it that all of them could have got me so egregiously bang to wrongs? Why, when I glance down at the unsolicited junk strewing the floor around me, does this correspondent think I strip gearboxes for a living, that one that I teach postgraduates and the one over there that I am a major banana in the option-trading market? Why has one identified me as a Young Turk seeking a wardrobe of Italian suits, but another as an old wreck seeking a menu of surgical intrusions?

Because I pay by credit cards is why, and because those I pay can thus effortlessly compile client lists which can be sold on to others, who will both use them for their immediate sales purposes and then, having amplified them with their own lists, sell them on to new others, and so on and on and on, while all the time crackpot computers programmed to draw very simple and very wrong demographic conclusions spool out ever more cross-referenced cock-eyed calculations, with the result that the man who, say, settles his own bookmaker's bill, takes out a subscription to *The Economist* for his wife, buys a Yuletide socket set for his brother-in-law, and hires a grand piano for his daughter's birthday party, is, purchase by purchase, having an artificial identity constructed from which all manner of other judgments are made about him, and upon which all manner of guessworking is based by hucksters eager to separate him from his wallet.

I do not know how many of me there already are out there in cyberspace — millionaire teenage glaziers, elderly heart-swapped gay trombonists, Nobel-prizewinning fly-fishermen — or how many increasingly peculiar permutations are waiting to be artificially spawned in the imponderable days ahead. I know only that, if there is indeed a parallel universe, a hack in a parallel Cricklewood attic is sitting with his head in his hands, wondering where it will all end.



The new sanctions circus

The bleeding hearts of Hampstead want to turn Nigeria into another pariah state like the old South Africa

Simon Jenkins

Here we go again. The Commonwealth has found someone new to hate. It used to ignore the misbehaviour of its members by crusading against South Africa, long after that country had resigned the organisation. The South Africans spoilt the fun by holding a free election. Now the Commonwealth has discovered that there is a dictatorship in Lagos. Nigeria is thus the new dragon against which it charges into the forest and brandishes its rubber sword.

The Nigerian dictator, General Sani Abacha, is a lucky man. He is about to receive that foolproof survival pack for any world leader. It contains economic sanctions, disinvestment, cultural boycott, diplomatic exclusion and excoriation by Greenpeace and the Body Shop. (As a Christmas bonus the pack sometimes includes an American invasion and/or laser-guided, surgical missile strike against the capital, killing dozens of civilians but leaving the target untouched.) The longest-serving dictators in the world are the most-sanctioned. Their capitals are cleansed of meddlesome foreigners, businessmen and aid workers. Their opponents are exiled to the London School of Economics or the Third World page of *The Guardian*. Their family and friends grow rich on sanctions-busting.

The first outcome of the airy posturing last week in Auckland was the precipitate hanging in Nigeria of Ken Saro-Wiwa and his eight colleagues. Nelson Mandela had the grace to admit that the posturing was perhaps a mistake. The next outcome is equally sure. The sanctions being proposed against General Abacha will consolidate him in power, as sanctions always do. Abacha will join the lengthening list of regimes upheld by this useless form of moral indignation: Cuba's Castro, Libya's Gaddafi, Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Syria's Assad, Somalia's warlords and Iran's mullahs. Abacha's oligarchy will be strengthened by economic siege, as was South Africa's. His people will be impoverished, as sanctions hurt the poor of Iraq, Iran and Serbia, but this will not topple him. He will blame foreigners, bribe his supporters and demand new sacrifices of his citizens. He will be less, not more, vulnerable.

Such analysis does not concern the sanctions lobbyists. They just want to feel good. Yesterday the tom-toms were beating out over the rooftops of Islington and echoing from the heights of Hampstead. The braves were being summoned from their tents. Blood was up among the armchair Africanists, underemployed for years, as they deluged Radio 4's *Call Nick Ross* with calls for immediate sanctions. Nor do they worry that Abacha is black. For their purposes, he is what the South African regime used to call an "honorary white", for he is clothed in the garb of Shell Oil. And Shell is not just white but an oil company and villain of world-class venality.

The hypocrisy of all this defies belief. I am sure that the execution of Mr Saro-Wiwa was a judicial outrage, though his elevation into a new Steve Biko seems excessive. Nigerian governments have not passed democratic muster for years. What is that to the Commonwealth? The electoral records of The Gambia, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Kenya, Mozambique and many other members hardly bear examination. I doubt if radical chic London would want to shake hands with Captain Valentine Strasser, military boss of Sierra Leone and loyal Commonwealth member, let alone invite him to a Friends of Democracy muscadet-and-pasta party.

The Commonwealth has never been about democracy. It is a political theme park of Empire. Its salient principle was the right of former colonies to self-determination, a right most states took at face value: one person, one vote, one party, one time. The unspoken rule was that there was to be no interference in the affairs of member states, unless they were ruled by whites. Had it not been for the execution of Mr Saro-Wiwa, the meeting in Auckland would have concentrated on the iniquity of the British Government in refusing to condemn the French over nuclear testing. Insulting Britain is a regular Commonwealth conference cabaret. Britain accepted this with an indulgent smile, at least until Baroness Thatcher came along. The Foreign Office used to be in a funk lest she blow the whistle.

To be fair, the Commonwealth's recent concern over election-rigging in Kenya, over the racist constitution of Fiji and now over Nigerian human rights indicates a tentative coming of age. Yet it lurches backwards when it moves from concern to action. The proposal to impose oil sanctions on Nigeria is lunatic. By all accounts, what Shell did to Ogoniland would not get through Gloucestershire planning committee. Much of the money it pays to the Nigerian authorities is corruptly sequestered and little trickles down to the poor. Shell is spending $4.5 million on the Ogoni environment but that is all going to consultants.

But to accuse Shell of implication in the execution of Mr Saro-Wiwa is mindless. To expect it to leave Nigeria, or to abandon its proposed gas investment there, is the worst sort of feel-good interventionism. The theory that depriving Nigeria of (a proportion) of its oil revenues will so devastate the ruling junta as to have them resign and declare a free election forthwith is worse than naive. It is economically, politically and historically illiterate. The effect would be to deprive thousands of Nigerians of jobs, or at best move the jobs to another multinational which, by definition, is likely to be less fastidious in its responsibilities.

There is not a shred of evidence that sanctions helped to end apartheid in South Africa. Time and again I noticed foreign companies leaving under pressure from "ethical investment" lobbyists. Their factories were sold cheap to local owners and in many cases less rigorous labour practices were imposed. The cancelling of extractive contracts, for instance for coal and metals, threw out of work thousands of black migrant workers but inconvenienced few whites. Apartheid ended when its internal logic collapsed. Ostracism, import-substitution and a siege economy probably prolonged white rule.

Shell is foolish to claim that it plays no part in the politics of the 100 countries in which it operates. Extractive industries are entwined in the politics of non-democratic states. What matters is how such political clout is best used. Shell argues that quiet diplomacy might have saved Mr Saro-Wiwa's life. Plainly the Auckland posturing did not. What is certain is that merely withdrawing the money, talent and experience of a multinational from a poor country under dictatorship does not undermine its leaders or spur its peoples to rise and demand democracy.

In Iraq sanctions have increased the prices of almost all domestic produce, enriching middle-class producers and merchants. I am sure General Abacha could find a ready taker among his allies for Shell's abandoned wells, and plenty of black market tankers to ship their oil.

Economic sanctions are the most beguiling form of international aggression. By being non-military, they appeal to the pacifist who wants to be seen to "do something". Many Britons refused to buy French wine during the nuclear tests: as if hurting a Socialist-voting Loire farmer was going to change the mind of the Gaullist President Chirac. This chauvinist lumping together of peasant and President in one politico-economic entity may seem medieval in its crudity. But intelligent people still do it, and claim to feel much better as a result.

The prefix "economic" is intended to give the sanction an aura of precision, as if it could be made to target only the ruler, not the ruled. Unlike war, which is directed at a regime's military might, economic sanctions are aimed at the livelihoods of whole regions and peoples. It stands to reason that they affect the poor before they affect the rich. These poor are supposed to rise up and overthrow their rulers. Given the thinness of this theoretical base, it is small wonder that in sanctioned countries they never do.

I cannot imagine a weapon that is less precise in its aim, more unfair in its choice of victim and more counter-productive than an economic sanction. Yet the Commonwealth is once again taking it down from the shelf, dusting it off and pointing it at one of its members. It won't work.

Blair fails the test on A levels

There is no need for new exams, says **Terence Kealey**

Bryan Davies, the opposition spokesman for further and higher education, has announced that the next Labour government will abolish A levels. It will also abolish the GNVQ (of which more below) to create a new, fused examination to be known as the Advanced Diploma.

This announcement has provoked predictable responses from teachers, some supportive and others not, but nobody has questioned Mr Davies's right to dictate. Yet our national examinations long pre-date the intervention of Government, and every ministerial *diktat* seems only to degrade them.

The universities of Oxford, Cambridge, London and Durham each created examination boards during the 1850s to meet the needs of the market. The boards created qualifications that were recognised across the globe for their integrity and accuracy. The School Certificate was introduced during the 1920s and the Higher School Certificate during the 1930s, and these developed during the 1960s into O and A levels.

But the State has intervened. The Government retains a unique authority in educational matters, where its claims to omniscience in most other areas of the economy have long been exploded, through the workings of the "Great National Educational Myth".

The myth states that before Forster's 1870 Elementary Education Act, when education was laisser faire and largely in the hands of the Church, the poor went uneducated. The myth is based on Forster's famous speech, which can be found in *Hansard* for February 17, 1870. Nobody ever quotes the reply of the opposition spokesman, Montagu, who proved only a few *Hansard* pages on that Forster had knowingly misled the House. As early as 1861 the Royal Commission on Popular Education had reported that 2,535,462 children were at school, out of a total school-age population of 2,655,767, for an average of 5.7 years, and by 1869 school attendance had hit 99 per cent.

Ordinary people organised and paid for their own children's education, and the Church funnelled middle-class philanthropy to pay for the education of the poor. All that Forster did in 1870, and subsequent administrations did in 1891, 1902 and 1944, was to nationalise the schools.

And governments have run them badly ever since. State education in Britain is dreadful, but, contrary to further myth, that is not because it is necessarily underfunded — the Germans and Japanese spend a smaller proportion of gross domestic product. It is dreadful because the politicians have introduced so many changes of policy.

In 1904, for example, it became government policy to fine schools for teaching science — it was seen as ungodly. That was reversed in 1944, but then the secondary schools were thrown into upheaval as they were separated into grammar, secondary modern and technical. Then, 20 years later, there was the comprehensive upheaval. Recently, we have had the national curriculum, City Technology Colleges, the administrative chaos of the 1988 Education Reform Act, and we are about to witness the abolition of the Local Education Authorities to encourage opting-out.

This constant reorganisation is extremely damaging, not necessarily because the new ends are themselves always undesirable — though some are introduced for ideological, not educational, reasons — but because rapid change is itself undesirable. Good education is fragile, and it requires hard and consistent application, not reorganisational distraction. Eton and Winchester do not embrace a new cultural revolution every 20 years. The comprehensive schools have only now finally settled down to deliver an equivalent education to the one that the grammar and secondary modern schools did 30 years ago.

Another similarly damaging cultural revolution is about to be thrust on the examination system. The General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ), with which the A levels are to be fused, is the descendant of the exams of the City and Guilds. Students are examined for an hour and a half on topics such as catering, leisure, care and business. These are valid topics for those who are to enter on them for a career, but they do not approach A levels for academic rigour. Nor should they: A levels evolved to meet the needs of university entry.

Labour's main motive for fusing the GNVQ and A levels is ideological; it is trying to create a classless society. That may be desirable, but it cannot be compatible with exams as necessarily divisive as A levels. Labour will point to the success of the GCSE, which fused the old CSEs and O levels, but that initially went through a number of unhappy years, leaving employers confused and conferring a qualification nobody really trusted on a whole generation of school leavers.

The danger is that Mr Davies will now degrade the A level for a decade while it struggles with its unnecessary fusion with the GNVQ. Even if it finally emerges intact, another generation of schoolchildren will have been robbed of a proper qualification. If Mr Davies really believes in his proposal, let him run it in parallel with A levels and the GNVQ, and let the children, the employers and the universities decide for themselves which qualification they prefer.

Broken home

THE PRINCESS of Wales's friend Lord Palumbo is having difficulty selling his Berkshire home, the Bagnor Manor estate. After putting the property on the market for £10 million this summer, his agents are now quoting a price of between £6 million and £7 million.

The substantial drop in price has been accompanied by a new advertising campaign and a change in strategy. Instead of offering the estate as a whole, Knight Frank & Rutley has decided to split it up and sell it in separate lots.

"We have tried to stick to selling it as a whole," said an agent. "But a decision has been made to sell it in separate lots — although the whole lot is still for sale."

The decision to sell Bagnor Manor was made after a well publicised family feud in which Palumbo's son James and his elder sister Arabella issued writs in the High Court accusing their father of squandering up to £30 million from the family trust. A formal settlement was reached earlier this year in which Palumbo surrendered control of the trust.

● *News that the Princess of Wales is to bare her soul on television will cause an excruciating dilemma for devotees of* Cracker, *starring Robbie Coltrane. The Princess will hold court on BBC1's* Panorama *from 9.40pm, cutting into a crucial 20 minutes of* Cracker *on the other side.*

Cat litter

THEATRE critics come in all shapes and sizes, as the president of the Cambridge Footlights Society, David Mitchell, discovered recently to his cost. Having just completed the final draft of his latest play the other day, he left his room for a well-deserved pint at the Peterhouse College bar. In his haste, he inadvertently locked Tibbles, the college cat, in his room.

He returned refreshed, to find that the animal had been unable to contain his feelings for David's manuscript, and had "commented" all over the script. "The play is called *Emergency Exit*," says the dramatist. "I'm sorry the cat didn't find one in time."



Check that out for BSE

Soldier blue

THE PAYMASTER GENERAL, David Heathcoat-Amory, caused chaos on the motorway the other day after motorists spotted what they believed to be a naked man in the back of his car. But blaring horns and flashing lights did not deter the Treasury minister (who was outspoken in his condemnation of the mishandling of the EU budget yesterday) from his destination.

He was delivering a mannequin from the Imperial War Museum to the Bunker Military Museum in Somerset. The MP for Wells explained that he was alarmed to see a male soldier's uniform on a female mannequin at the Somerset museum and was anxious to correct the mistake.

Well suited

THE FIRST major purchase by Dr Alan Borg, the new Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, is a new suit. He has spent more than £150,000 on James II's wedding gear.

The heather-coloured coat and breeches, richly embroidered in silver thread, which James, then Duke of York, wore to his wedding to Mary Beatrice d'Este, daughter of the Duke of Modena, in 1673 was a turning point in men's fashion and the precursor of the gentleman's three-piece suit. "It is highly appropriate that the suit should be saved for the nation," says Borg, who has never cut much of a sartorial dash himself.

● *Crowds have been cramming into Jane Austen's tiny house in Hampshire after the television adaptation of* Pride and Prejudice. *The main attraction is the visitors' book because Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle, who played the romantically entwined protagonists, recently signed in.*

Who governs?

RESIDENTS of a grand apartment block in Chelsea were startled last week to see the Queen on their doorstep. Her Majesty was enjoying a private visit to her octogenarian former governess, one Mrs Ladd, who taught the young Princess Elizabeth history and French. The couple reminisced for an hour before the Queen returned to her chauffeur. However, she was unamused when one of Mrs Ladd's neighbours chose to take an impromptu photograph.

Simple lass

KATE O' MARA, former star of the popular American soap *Dynasty*, has come down to earth. She is to take to the stage in a former pub theatre, The Orange Tree, in Richmond upon Thames later this month. O'Mara is starring in Bernard Shaw's rarely performed *The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles*. "It's about mixed marriages and creating a super-family with a lot of interbreeding. It's really quite bizarre."



O'Mara: no shoulder pads

Though a far cry from the jumbo shoulder pads and high heels of *Dynasty*, O'Mara insists: "I come from a long line of actor-managers and have spent 80 per cent of my career in the theatre. It's where I always am."

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CHAPTER OF DISASTERS

If Labour wants to pick and choose, it should keep the opt-out

At last Tony Blair has woken up to the value of Britain's opt-out from the social chapter. He may not realise that he has done so: but his pronouncements can be interpreted in no other way. The Labour leader, in his speech to the Confederation of British Industry on Monday, acknowledged that "the real fear is that by being part of [the social chapter] we may in future agree to the import of inefficient practices to Britain". A Labour government, though, would not allow this to happen: "Each piece of legislation will be judged on its merits. I have no intention whatever of agreeing to anything and everything that emerges from the EU."

Unfortunately, Mr Blair did not elaborate on how he intended to conduct this *à la carte* approach to Brussels legislation. We would be interested to know how he plans to join the social chapter and yet avoid being bound by any directives with which he disagrees. For while five areas in the chapter — social security, dismissals, the representation of workers' and employers' interests, the employment rights of non-EU nationals and the financing of jobs schemes — have to be decided unanimously, all the others are concluded on the basis of qualified majority voting. That means that Britain's veto is useless unless this country finds sufficient allies to allow it to block a directive.

If what Mr Blair is saying is that there may be some proposals in those exceptional areas which Britain might refuse to agree upon, then he is defining for himself a very narrow freedom for manoeuvre. Britain would still remain vulnerable to having legislation imposed upon it in most areas of working conditions and benefits. As for the exceptions, it is already apparent that, when the other 14 states find themselves in agreement on a social matter, they use any means possible to impose it upon Britain under a procedure that involves majority voting. For instance, limits on working hours have been subsumed into health and safety legislation. So it is likely that, were Mr Blair to sign up to the social chapter and veto a proposal that required unanimity, it would simply be resubmitted under a category that could be pushed through with majority voting.

There is a far more logical approach for Labour to adopt, which would be in keeping with Mr Blair's avowed dedication to improving Britain's competitiveness. That is to retain for this country true flexibility in deciding which of the social chapter's provisions to adopt. The opt-out from the chapter, so hard-won at Maastricht, would allow a Labour government to put into domestic law any of the proposals that it believed desirable while omitting any that it believed contrary to the British economy's interests.

This flexibility would extend into the future. For, by signing up to the social chapter, Labour would be writing a blank cheque for future proposals. Britain would, of course, have the influence which Mr Blair and the Foreign Office so prize. But influence is not power. It is possible to influence an argument without winning it. In a club with 15 members, no single country can ensure, simply by its presence at the negotiating table, that its case will be victorious.

The truth is that Britain is in an enviable (and much envied) position. As a result of the opt-out, it can adopt whatever social legislation it likes — and reject the rest. Why should this country want so badly to influence what the others choose to do, at the expense of losing this freedom? By remaining outside the social chapter, Britain has become a magnet for outside direct investment: only yesterday, the Taiwanese company Chunghwa Picture Tube announced a £260 million investment in an electronics factory in Ravenscraig which will create 3,300 jobs, more than any other inward investment in the UK's history. To throw away such a precious competitive advantage would be madness.

ANGLO-IRISH DISAGREEMENT

A decade of diplomacy over Ulster's future

Ten years ago today, the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed by Margaret Thatcher and Garret Fitzgerald at Hillsborough Castle. The immediate sequel was the resignation of Ian Gow, the Treasury Minister later murdered by the IRA, on the ground that "the involvement of a foreign power... will prolong, and not diminish, Ulster's agony". In an outburst hysterical even by his own standards, the Rev Ian Paisley described the then Prime Minister as a "wicked, treacherous lying woman". Fifteen Unionist MPs resigned their seats shortly after.

A decade later, the legacy of the Agreement is still a matter of acrimonious debate. In her memoirs, Baroness Thatcher says its results were "disappointing" and alienated Unionists "without gaining the level of security co-operation we had a right to expect". The agreement's defenders would say it has been vindicated by the Downing Street declaration, the IRA ceasefire and the imminent visit of President Clinton to the Province.

The agreement is certainly one of the most sweeping constitutional measures in the history of the United Kingdom. Its first article established the crucial principle that "consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland" was required for any change in its status. This check on nationalist aspirations has been at the heart of the Government's campaign to persuade the Unionist community that it is not about to be betrayed. The Downing Street declaration would have been impossible without this earlier endorsement by both Governments of what is crudely called the "Unionist veto".

The cost of this recognition by Dublin was considerable, however. The agreement established an inter-governmental conference to deal with political, legal and security matters and the encouragement of cross-border co-operation. It gave the Irish Government an institutional say in the affairs of the Province, somewhere between consultative rights and full joint authority. In this sense, the 1985 agreement was the direct ancestor of this year's Anglo-Irish framework document which proposed far more extensive powers for the South as part of any future settlement. The constitutional trend to which the Hillsborough summit gave rise has been manifestly green-tinged. The British Government continues to reassure the people of Ulster that nothing will be done without their agreement. But the Unionists fear they will soon be confronted with a Hobson's choice between a return to bloodshed or a constitutional package which heavily favours the pan-nationalist front.

Anglo-Irish diplomacy may be necessary but it is not sufficient for a lasting peace. Like the Irish Government's cancellation of the Ulster summit in September, John Bruton's profoundly ill judged speech at the weekend showed how unpredictable relations between Dublin and Whitehall can be. In a thinly veiled attack on John Major's management of the peace process, the Taoiseach demanded compromise from the British Government and insisted that the obstacles to peace were "comparatively minor in historical terms" and "little more than semantic". This is delusion on a grand scale. Insisting that Sinn Fein-IRA begin disarmament before its representatives are admitted to all-party talks is absolutely fundamental to the future of the peace. Unionist politicians should not be expected to negotiate with men retaining the option to bomb them; nor will they do so.

Mr Bruton's speech was a reminder that a lasting settlement is not in the gift of the British and Irish Governments. The Taoiseach must please his nationalist compatriots; he must heed the concerns of republican paramilitaries. Given his weakness in the Commons, Mr Major must also appease David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, far more than he may wish to do. The Anglo-Irish agreement has spawned many clauses. What it cannot spawn is a lasting settlement. It is Ulster's people, not diplomats, who will decide the prospects of peace.

SIX FOR A POUND

Vegetables are the finest works of pavement art around

Celestial globe, cup of platinum,
Motionless dance of frosted anemone.

The poet Pablo Neruda wrote these lines not from love for a woman, nor as a variation on a gobbet from the classics, but in praise of the ordinary onion. Yes, the onion. "Bleedin' amazing!" — as they would have said in the old Covent Garden — that a vegetable should have moved a poet so. Bleeding amazing indeed, and bleeding beetroots too.

But that is not all. The Chilean Nobel laureate wrote elegant odes also to the artichoke "dressed in armour", and of the tomato's "benign majesty". A touch over the top, all this poetry about bulbs and tubers? Some of you might think so, but Brian Godfrey will surely disagree.

He may or may not have read Neruda — and the chances are that he has not — but this hard-pressed Ilkeston greengrocer shares the poet's love for vegetables. He is battling against Derbyshire County Council in court for the right to sell his veg from the pavement outside his shop. The case continues, and the common law — long of root and hardy of stem — will take its course.

Yet the matter is a straightforward one: if not on a plate or in a field, the place of the vegetable is surely on the pavement. Vegetables are best seen out of doors, where they catch the light and the eye of passers-by. Force them indoors and they will, like children confined, lose their lustre. And those who go about their business on foot will be robbed of the sight of a coloured cornucopia.

Consider the glow of the radish, lambent in the soft sun of mid-November; or admire the cabbage, with its flamenco dancer's flounces. Linger awhile by those carrots of strong orange dress and subtle plume, laid side by side like so many soldiers at rest; and rejoice, also, in those roadside courgettes, with their exultant length and perky green.

But the empress of the British pavement, the greengrocer's Helen of Troy, is unquestionably the aubergine. As lustrous as any flower, it is the vegetable for whom Shakespeare might so easily have written these lines from his *Sonnet XCIX*: "The purple pride Which on thy soft cheek for complexion dwells." What could the killjoy council possibly have against Mr Godfrey's pavement harem of aubergines?

The aesthetic case for Mr Godfrey is unanswerable. And as any jaded pedestrian in our cities and towns will testify, the best pavement art is to be found in the country's vegetable stalls.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sentencing power of Home Secretary

From Professor Philip F. Esler

Sir, Commenting on the High Court's latest overturning of a decision by Mr Michael Howard, this time his increasing a sentence in a murder case, Mr Peter Butler, a Tory member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, calls for legislation to confirm the Home Secretary's power, apparently on the grounds that "there has to be some procedure whereby an obviously too lenient sentence can be increased" (report, earlier editions, November 11).

That's funny, I thought there was. It's called the appellate system. It is a fundamental aspect of the rule of law that persons in the same situation be treated equally, and the only way to achieve this is through a hierarchy of appeal courts like ours which enforces uniform rules and guidelines on lower courts. Popular opinion, of course, influences the process — by electing governments to pass laws of general application, which will then be applied by the courts uniformly in accordance with this principle.

The very existence of an executive power vested in the Home Secretary to increase criminal sentences in certain very serious cases (eg, those carrying mandatory life sentences) is patently inimical to the rule of law; that Mr Howard, one of Her Majesty's Counsel after all, should actually use it, continues to amaze me.

To the extent that he acts (as he apparently did in the case of the Bulger murderers) after receiving submissions from the public, he is conducting a modern equivalent of the lynch-mob. Moreover, does not the exercise of the power have a tendency (even if not the intention) to win votes among sectors of the public often inflamed by tabloid journalism and thinking more with their hearts than their heads?

We do indeed need legislation, not to confirm this odious power, but to abolish it.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP F. ESLER
(Dean),
School of Divinity,
University of St Andrews,
St Mary's College,
St Andrews, Fife.
November 13.

Wedding menace

From Dr Anne-Carole Chamier

Sir, I do not wish to be invited to another wedding because I won't go — unless I'm assured that no professional photographers will be in attendance. Weddings these days are conducted for *their* benefit; forget about a solemn ceremony followed by convivial celebration for family and friends.

From start to finish there's a flash every five seconds and captive guests are kept waiting about for hours whilst enough groups and poses are snapped to fill a library of family albums.

Here, we attended a wedding where guests were kept waiting an hour outside the church whilst the photographers were in action, and saw nothing of the bride and groom at the reception because they were away with the photographers for an hour and a half.

Anyone would think marriages were for ever and ever.

Yours etc,
CAROLE CHAMIER,
Achandunie House,
Ardross, By Alness,
Ross and Cromarty.
November 11.

Bankside Tate

From Mr Michael Deacon

Sir, In his distaste for the "ugly carcass" of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's Bankside Power Station (letter, November 11), your correspondent may care to reflect that "modern masters" have brought us the British Library and the National Theatre. No doubt these designs have their adherents, but so, too, does the Bankside Power Station.

Scott's blend of function and beauty is exemplified in architecture and design as diverse as Waterloo Bridge, Liverpool's Anglican cathedral, the red telephone box and even the electricity pylon.

The work of no other architect of this century could be more fitting as the flagship for the Tate. I hope that the planned "transformation" will leave as much intact as possible.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DEACON,
75 Acre Road, SW19.
November 13.

Protection of fungi

From Mrs Ann Kneif

Sir, I was appalled to read ("Beware of the fungi to die for", Weekend, November 11) that so many fungi in the New Forest are being sold to expensive restaurants in London. The £300,000 turnover a year mentioned indicates a virtual devastation of this area.

It is time the Government devised the same protection for fungi as for wild flowers.

Yours faithfully,
ANN KNEIF,
Hilton House,
Norwood Lane, Meopham, Kent.

Role of ministers over immunity

From Mr Douglas Hurd, MP for Witney (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Levin's article today, "A cover-up beyond belief", prompts me to write in lay rather than legal language about public interest immunity certificates as they appear to a minister, before misunderstanding or misrepresentation becomes universal.

He is plain wrong about the certificates which Michael Howard and I signed on the recent appeal in the Grecian case (report, November 8). What we proposed about documents in those certificates was endorsed by the Lord Chief Justice, with minor changes. He says so on page eight of his judgment. He goes out of his way to explain the limited protection which we sought for some documents. Newspapers which reported otherwise have now had to withdraw.

The certificate which a minister may be asked to sign relates to documents, not to a trial. The publication of certain documents, or parts of certain documents, can harm the national interest. They may reveal the names or techniques of intelligence agents. They may cover transactions or conversations with foreign governments which we have agreed to keep confidential.

A minister can weigh these matters and certify accordingly. What a minister cannot effectively do is balance that judgment against the needs of justice in a particular trial, of which he almost certainly will have no direct knowledge. Only the judge can decide this, because only the judge can weigh the public interest as certified by the minister against the importance of those documents for establishing guilt or innocence. So a minister can "gag" no one. The difficulty arises if a minister is invited to try his hand at striking the balance which should be the preserve of the judge.

As I pointed out in the last certificate which I signed, in the Grecian case, this would set the minister a task which he cannot reasonably fulfil. His concern in considering the certificate should be, as Mr Levin put it, with "genuine dangers concerning the State". That is how I, and I believe my colleagues, have handled their responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS HURD,
House of Commons.
November 10.

Limiting the harm caused by drugs

From Mr Stewart Walker

Sir, My heart goes out to the family of Leah Betts, the girl who slipped into a coma on Sunday after taking an apparently contaminated Ecstasy tablet (report, November 13). However, whether or not the tablet was contaminated, I do not consider that this case adds any fuel to the argument against the legislation of some drugs.

As the Dutch Labour Party pointed out in a recent campaign, bringing the more freely available drugs within the bounds of law would mean that their production and distribution would be controlled. In the case of tablets such as Ecstasy, the tablets would no longer be made by criminals and they would not contain impurities such as those which have caused harm to young people in the past.

Thousands of pills are taken every weekend, in all parts of the country. To deny this, or to assume that there is an easy way of stopping it, is unrealistic. It is time the Government listened to the advice of many doctors and senior policemen and seriously considered cutting the ground from under the criminal fraternity.

Yours sincerely,
STEWART WALKER,
217 Kennington Lane, SE11.
November 14.

From Mr Hermann Arndt

Sir, Why on earth should we call this dangerous drug "Ecstasy", a name presumably coined by criminals to make it more appealing to unsuspecting youngsters?

During the war we had an important section of our intelligence community called the Psychological Warfare Branch whose job was to fight the enemy with slogans and to counter enemy slogans. We could use such an instrument today in the fight against drugs.

Yours sincerely,
HERMANN ARNDT,
Castlehaye,
Woodbury, Devon.
November 14.

From Mr N. Bristow

Sir, You report today that a description of the suspect tablet was circulated to police forces around the country. What good is this? Surely the description should have been made available, via the media, to all at risk of taking such tablets.

Yours faithfully,
N. BRISTOW,
17 Dudley Street,
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.
November 14.

Empire benefits

From Mr Rajnikant J. Mehta

Sir, Whether or not the British Empire was beneficial to the colonies (Robert Rhodes James, "Now that the sun has gone down", November 3; letters, November 9) depends partly on who looks at it — the erstwhile rulers or those who were colonised. For instance, the fact that Indo-British friendship today is as strong as it was when India became independent — indeed stronger — is in no small measure due to the benevolent and far-sighted influence of Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru.

These great Indians unequivocally told their countrymen that it was British rule that they had to fight and not the British people, for whom there should be nothing but love and respect. The non-violence which the Mahatma preached and practised also included "non-violence in thought", which clearly meant that there was no place for any hatred towards the erstwhile rulers.

Yours truly, as one who lived in colonial India,
RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA,
18 Leigh Court, Byron Hill Road,
Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

From Mr N. J. Clark

Sir, As a teacher of Australian history, I am disappointed by Professor Day's unduly harsh remarks about British imperialism (letter, November 9).

Captain Cook's men did indeed shoot some Maoris in self-defence but the number was not "countless". Nor can anybody say what the Aboriginal population of Australia was in 1788. It is "perhaps" higher now than it was then.

Certainly there was no systematic military campaign directed against Aborigines. Our first Governor, Arthur Phillip, hanged Europeans for interfering with the Aboriginal people.

It is rarely acknowledged by revisionist historians that well over a century ago Aboriginal Australians had the right to vote in New South Wales and Victoria.

Perhaps the British imperialists deserve a point or two?

Yours sincerely,
NEVILLE CLARK
(Headmaster),
Mentone Grammar School,
63 Venice Street,
Mentone, Victoria 3194,
Australia.
November 9.

Women artists

From Ms Marjorie Allthorpe-Guyton

Sir, Richard Morrison's lament on the place of women in British art ("Why won't men pass on the baton?", Arts, November 11) mischievously diverts attention from the true influence of women in the visual arts.

While the directors of our museum collections may still be men, almost all our major contemporary art galleries are run by women: Arnolfini, Ikon, Camden Arts Centre, ICA, Serpentine, Whitechapel. The directors of visual arts of both the Arts Council and the British Council are women.

All of us support a growing number of internationally recognised women artists: 15 of the 25 young artists in the British Art Show just opened in Manchester are women (compared with the handful of women artists in the 1984 show of which I was a selector!). A woman, Rachel Whiteread, created one of the most widely acclaimed works of art produced in Britain in recent years.

Sleeping Beauty is awake and has no need of princes.

Yours sincerely,
MARJORIE ALLTHORPE-GUYTON,
of Visual Arts,
The Arts Council of England,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.

Internet erotica

From Professor Edward Timms

Sir, You are right to raise the alarm about the dissemination of erotica through university computer networks ("Oxford censors pornography on the Internet", November 13).

Even more disturbing is the unrestricted use of the Internet by racist political groups spreading propaganda under headings like "white power" (neo-Nazism) and "revisionism" (Holocaust denial).

The Internet may, as you say, have become "a symbol of freedom of expression", but it is equally important to establish proper procedures for monitoring how it is used. Indeed, ultimately the question of legal controls on materials which infringe (for example) anti-racist legislation will surely have to be faced.

Yours sincerely,
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Debate on listing of tower blocks

From Mr A. J. Clement

Sir, Reading Rachel Kelly's article on the fate of tower blocks ("High hopes for the hated high-rise", Homes, November 8) confirmed my worst suspicions about the threat to listing and preserving postwar architecture. The tower block is under attack because it represents a period most of us would rather forget: a time when all the vision and meaning of Le Corbusier was tossed aside in favour of concrete-clad system buildings.

We cannot turn our backs arbitrarily on a species of architecture which we view today as rather embarrassing. We must preserve a stock of architecture from the 1950s and 1960s because eventually there will be none left to preserve. How can we possibly hope to fully understand architecture today when we are unable to see at first-hand what came before?

It seems to me that the listing of modern buildings to date has been rather too vague. English Heritage and the Department of Heritage should jointly lay down more precise criteria for the preservation of modern buildings: to choose popular examples and well known architects that are safe and politically correct is not enough. We need to preserve a full spectrum of structures from local authority through to bespoke "designer" examples. The choices must be based on form, content, style and influence, regardless of origin.

The concept of preservation should also be reviewed and its application to modern structures considered in the same light as is applied to more ancient buildings. Why should concrete tower blocks be refaced in brick, have all the ribbon windows replaced by casements and the interior gutted so that the "preserved" building bares no resemblance to the original? For heaven's sake don't let them do that to Denys Lasdun's Keeling House in Bethnal Green. I really would rather they pulled it down.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER CLEMENT,
147b Lichfield Street,
Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire.

From Sir Denys Lasdun, CH

Sir, The rejection by the Heritage Lottery Fund of the Peabody Trust's application to seek money to restore Keeling House — a Grade II* listed building — implies that Lottery funds will not be available for the restoration of modern buildings (report, November 2). Keeling House is structurally sound and, subject to restoration, would provide 60 homes in a building much loved by previous occupants.

The recent past is just as worthy of respect as the distant past — and it needs it much more. We have a greater responsibility for modern buildings. We must hand them on to posterity untampered with.

Yours faithfully,
DENYS LASDUN,
Denys Lasdun Peter Softley & Associates (architects),
146 Grosvenor Road, SW1.

From Ms Ann Brookes

Sir, I too had high hopes when I started to buy my new home, a completely refurbished flat in a refurbished tower block in Putney. Literally thousands of first-time buyers and council tenants in Wandsworth borough alone have paid between £30,000 and £60,000 for our homes since the mid-80s; but the intervening years have dashed our hopes.

So what's the problem? Negative equity? We should be so lucky. The banks and building societies which actually set up stalls in show homes to tempt potential buyers in the 1980s have now "redlined" our homes and are refusing to lend on any of them, even though the majority of these tower blocks are structurally sound.

This means that our homes have no market value at all. Most of the flats in my block were sold to single people and young childless couples — many of whom have started families and find that they and their children have become a new generation of young families stranded high in the sky.

Yours faithfully,
ANN BROOKES,
4 William Harvey House,
Whitlock Drive, SW19.

Food fears

From Dr J. N. Fawcett

Sir, I am sure that stress, induced by worrying about what one eats and drinks, will soon become the major cause of heart attack (reports, November 13, 14).

Yours sincerely,
J. NEVILLE FAWCETT,
15 Littledene, Lodore Road,
Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.
November 14.

To each according

From Mr Paul Droop

Sir, I note that MPs' pay in this country is among the lowest in your chart of 14 comparable nations (November 14). It's good to see the Government taking the lead on performance-related pay.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL DROOP,
88 Clarence Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.
November 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 14: The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception followed by a Concert of Jewish and Christian Music, at St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
November 14: The Prince Edward this morning attended The Duke's Challenge for teams of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award holders in the Clipsal Powerhouse Findon, the State Basketball Stadium.

His Royal Highness later attended a meeting of the South Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry to promote The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Industry which was followed by a Luncheon.

The Prince Edward this afternoon left Adelaide for London.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

November 14: The Princess Royal this morning departed for Qatar where Her Royal Highness called upon The Amir (His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani).

The Princess Royal later carried out engagements at the Khalifa Tennis and Squash Complex.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon toured Ras Laffan Complex.

The Princess Royal this evening attended a Dinner given by His Highness The Amir and Sheikha Mousa at UMM Al-Ghraiba Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Rolls Royce/BMW Joint Venture Project at Dahlewitz.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, later attended a meeting of the Forum at the Cecilienhof, Potsdam, to review the progress of the Forum's work in Central Europe on the occasion of its fifth anniversary.

His Royal Highness attended a Luncheon given by Herr Manfred Stolpe (the Minister-President of Brandenburg) at the Cecilienhof.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon toured Schloss Sanssouci and its surrounding Park.

His Royal Highness later attended a Reception for members of the British Community at the International Club, Potsdam.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 14: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning opened the Richard Dadd Centre at Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

November 14: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Robert Beldam Building and subsequently attended a Dinner at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

YORK HOUSE
November 14: The Duke of Kent, President of the Council, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting, the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street, London W1.

The Duchess of Kent, President, NCH Action for Children, this afternoon attended a lunch, Skinners' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London EC4.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 14: Princess Alexandra this afternoon re-opened St Mark's Hospital at the new Northwick Park Site and, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary, visited Northwick Park Hospital, Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

Her Royal Highness later opened Woodland Hall Nursing Home, Clamp Hill, Harrow.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open Parliament at 11.30. Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will attend the general council at Yorkshire Television Studios, Leeds, at 3.00; and will attend a reception at Harewood House at 7.30.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend a private view of the Fabergé exhibition at the Queen's Gallery at 7.15 in aid of the society.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will open Britannia House, the Civil Service Motoring Association, Queens Road, Brighton, at 1.45; as patron, will visit the Hanover Band's prospective new premises, Old Market Arts Centre, Brunswick Square, Hove, at 3.50; and will visit the Stanley Deason School, Wilson Avenue, Brighton, at 4.35.

Merchant Venturers

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr F.J. Avery; Senior Warden, Mr R.E.J. Bernays; Junior Warden, Mr D.M. Parkes; First Assistant, Mr J.N. Tidmarsh.

Marriage

Mr J.E. Bridgman and Miss B.E. Murray

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 11, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Meopham, Kent, of Mr James Bridgman, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bridgman, of Kent, to Miss Belinda Murray, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hurst, of Dayton, Ohio, USA. Mrs Rachael Williams, of Chester, was matron of honour and Mr Mark Jones was best man.

A reception was held at Chilston Park Country House Hotel, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

School news

Glendower School

Glendower School, London SW7, will celebrate the end of its centenary year at the Christmas Bazaar to be held in the Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7, on Saturday, December 2, 1995, from 11.00-2.00pm. Old girls will be warmly welcomed.

Prior Park College, Bath

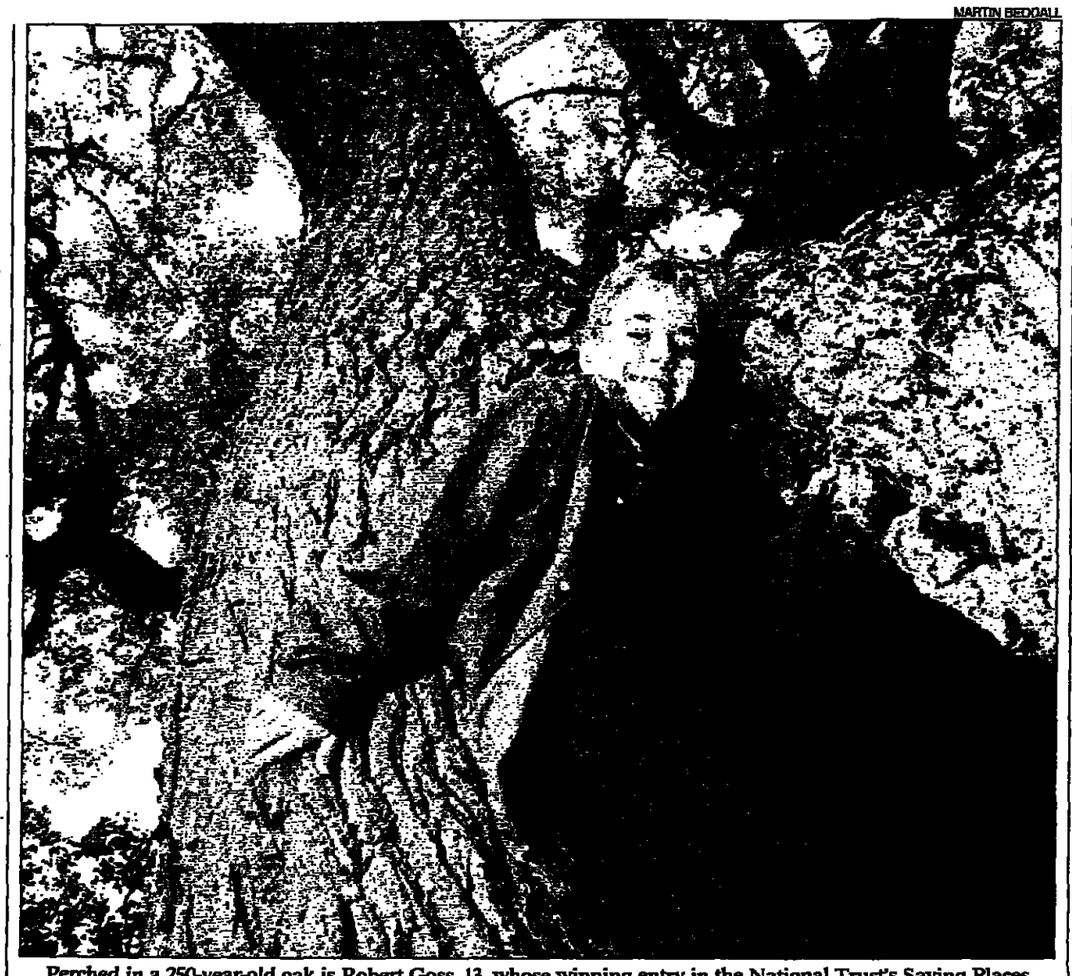
The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr R.G.G. Mercer as Head of Prior Park College, Bath, to succeed Mr J.W.R. Goulding who has been appointed to Haberdashers' Aske's School from September 1, 1996. Dr Giles Mercer is presently Headmaster of Stonyhurst College, Lancashire.

Maritime Foundation

Countess Mountbatten of Burma, President of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation, presented the 1995 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award to Mr Robert White and Mr Rory MacLean in recognition of their television documentary "Total Structural Failure", at a reception held last night on board *HQS Wellington*. Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Captain Ashe Lincoln, QC, and Mrs Gillian Wettern also spoke.

Among those present were:
The Award sponsors including The Swire Group, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, senior naval officers, members of the maritime industries and those involved in locating *MV Derbyshire*.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Perched in a 250-year-old oak is Robert Goss, 13, whose winning entry in the National Trust's Saving Places poetry competition told of an old oak tree's recollections of its long life. Robert, of Bungay, Suffolk, was one of 14,000 children whose poems related what they would like saved for the benefit of people now and in the future

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Phillips is 18 years old today.

Mr Ed Asner, actor, 66; Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 65; Mr John M Banfield, chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 48; Mr Daniel Barenboim, pianist and conductor, 53; Mr Andrew Castle, tennis player, 32; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former director-general, NEDO, 73; Miss Petula Clark, singer, 63; Mr André Deutsch, publisher, 78; Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 61; Mr Tibor Fischer, author, 36; Mr Martin Hammond, Headmaster, Tonbridge School, 51; Miss Paula Kahn, former chairman and chief executive, Longman Group, 55; Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 57; Sir Alistair MacKechnie, chartered accountant, 61; Mr Tim Pears, writer, 39; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, chartered accountant, 76; Major-General J.K. Shepheard, 87; Canon Eric Staples, former Chaplain to The Queen, 85; Mr Ralph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 50; Mr John W. Tanner, former UN Director for Jordan, 72; Sir Roger Young, former Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 72.

Service dinner

Joint Sapper/Signals

The Chief Royal Engineer and the Master of Signals presided at a Joint Sapper/Signals dinner night held last night at the RE Headquarters Mess, Chatham to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals as a separate Corps.

Dinners

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) held their annual dinner last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Allan McNab, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:

Mr M J Ainsworth, the Earl of Airlie, Mr R A Alexander, Mr D P Allvey, Mr A G Anderson, Mr B K Anderson, Mr J D F Barnes, Mr D Battle, Mr S G Bennett, Mr S B Birkenhead, Mr S Boglia, Dr K B Bond, Mr P V Boyle, Professor M Bromwich, Mr R C Bruce, Dr A Carro, Mr A Chandler, the Rev J Chater, Mr J S Chester, Mr J N Clarke, Mr N R H Clark, Mr R C Close, Mr A J Colquhoun, Sir David Cooksey, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Mr N W Deasy, Mr A P Dignum, Mr S Dongan, Mr G Folwell, Mr I R Fox, Mr R A Gardner, Mr A G Glenday, Mr J A M Grant, Mr J Hanson, Mr J T Harrison, Mr J M Hart, Mr M G Harvey, Mr R C Hill, Lady Howe of Aberavon, Mr A R Hughes, Mr N C Ireland, Mr J K Issacs, Mr D W Jenkins, Mr P W Johnston, Mr R T Kanter, Mr M P Kelly, Mr R B Kett, Mr B H Knoefel, Sir David Knox, MP, Mr R H Lawson, Sir David Lees, Professor J A Liderman, Sir Sydney Lipworth, Miss C V Logue, Professor N Lothian, Mr D E Love, Ms H Lyall, Mr N Lyle, Mr R J Mackie, Mr J Mafulevich, Mr C L Mayhew, Mr J W Melbourn, Mrs B J L Mills, QC, Mr D A Morris, Sir Ian Morrow, Mr N H Nicholls, Mr W V W Norris, Mr H G O'Brien, Mr R Page, Mr A Pring, Mr A Reid, Mr P Richardson, Mr R B Robinson, Mr J Roddis, Mr C M Sharman, Mr H Smith, Mr J K Sommerville, Mr R Speirs, Sir Moray Stewart, Mr R A Stone, Mr J F Taylor, Dr K H Taylor, Dr P M Tomkins, Mr M Townsend, Mr M L Tuke, Mr P L Welgh, Mr J K Welsby, Mr C R Williams, and Mr K S Woodley.

General Dental Council

Sir Donald Irvine, President of the General Medical Council, accompanied by Lady Irvine, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the president, Dr Margaret Seward, and members of the General Dental Council, last night at 37 Wimpole Street. Sir William and Lady Staveley and Mr and Mrs Brian Moores were among those present.

Eve of Session

Carlton Club and United and Cecil Club

The Prime Minister was the principal guest at a reception held last night at the Carlton Club, Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Carlton Club, and Sir Marcus Fox, MP, Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, were the hosts. Members of the Cabinet and their escorts were present.

Liberal Democrats

Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, was the host at an eve of session dinner held last night at the National Liberal Club. Members of both Houses of Parliament were present.

St Mark's Hospital

Princess Alexandra yesterday formally reopened St Mark's Hospital for intestinal and colorectal disorders (formerly of City Road, Islington) at its new site (Northwick Park, Harrow). Later, she also opened the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Wing, a gift to St Mark's Hospital by the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Charitable Trust.

Legal appointment

Mrs Rosy Nasreen Mannion has been appointed a full-time Immigration Adjudicator. She is also designated as a Special Adjudicator.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.S. Booton and Miss S.L. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Nigel Stanley, younger son of Mr Stanley Booton, of Saddlestreet, Dorset, and the late Mrs Pauline Booton, and Sally Lind, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Taylor, of St Peter Port, Guernsey.

Mr J.M.F. Ford and Miss T. Yeo

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Ford, of Treviades Barton, near Falmouth, Cornwall, and Teresa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Yeo, of No 4 York Place, Singapore.

Mr P.E. Jepson and Miss I.S. Grant of Glenmoriston

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Dr Ewart and Dr Anne Jepson, of London, and Iona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Grant of Glenmoriston.

Mr T.K. Usher and Miss S. Martin

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Usher, of Edinburgh, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Martin, of Newtownards, County Down.

Colonel Sir Peter Hilton

The memorial service for Colonel Sir Peter Hilton, KCVO, MC**, KSJ, Hon.LLD, JP, will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday, November 19, 1995, at St Mary's Church, Wirksworth, Derbyshire. If you wish to attend please contact Miss Susan Welch 01629 580683.

abroad.

Piping

No lament as many prizes go north

BY ANGUS NICOL

THE last of the main piping events of the year took place at the Glaziers' Hall in central London, with a very good entry in all the competitions. The 20 principal prizes were won by seven competitors, and few of the prizes remained in England. As well as entrants from Scotland, there were pipers from Canada, the United States, and Denmark.

My King has landed in Moidart, composed by John MacIntyre, Clanranald's piper, in 1745 to herald the arrival of Prince Charles Edward, is not often heard. Roderick MacLeod gave an excellent performance of this tune which won him the Bratach Gorm, the principal piobaireachd prize.

Second in this competition, William MacCallum played *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*. Third place was taken by Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies, The Highlanders, with *Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament*. Pipe Major Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards, came fourth, with Padruig Mór MacCrimmon's immortal *Lament for the Children*. Captain Greg Wilson, from New Zealand, took fifth place, playing *The Old Men of the Shells*.

The pattern was similar in the open piobaireachd competition for the William Gilles Cup. Once again, Roderick MacLeod took first prize; this time he played *The Old Men of the Shells*. William MacCallum took second place, with a splendid performance of *Praise of Morag*. This long and dramatic tune is said to have been a Jacobite gathering tune, Morag, or the English equivalent, Marion, having been a codename for Prince Charles Edward. However, the Dunollie Bard, Ronald MacDougall, described it as the MacDougalls' gathering tune.

Greg Wilson took third prize, with *The Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*. Another infrequently heard tune is *The MacRaes' March*. It was adopted as the gathering tune of Clan MacRae. Andrew Wright's performance won him fourth prize. Pipe Major Iain Macey won fifth prize with *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No 2*.

The third piobaireachd competition, the London Highland Club Cup, was won by Paula Glendinning, from the United States, with *The Battle of Auldearn (No 1)*. Second prize was taken by Kenneth MacBride, who played *Lord Lovat's Lament*. The third prize was won by John Fraser, with *Too Long in this Condition*, a tune ascribed severally to Donald Morn and Padruig Og MacCrimmon. In the march, Strathspey and reel competition for the London Medallion, Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies took first prize, with Roderick MacLeod in second place. Greg Wilson was third, and Pipe Major Iain Macey fourth. In the March event, for the J.B. Robertson Trophy, William MacCallum took first prize, with Roderick MacLeod second and Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies third.

There were two other march, Strathspey and reel events: the Strachan Memorial Trophy was won by Gavin Walker, and the Highland Society of London's Targe by Stuart Cassells, with Paula Glendinning in second place.

For pipers aged under 18, there was a competition for a Gaelic air and jig, for a trophy given by the Highlands and Islands Society of London. This was won by Stuart Cassells.

The last event of the day was the open Jig competition for the Beaton Cup, for which there were 40 entrants. First prize was taken by William MacCallum, with Roderick MacLeod second and Alasdair Gillies third.

Points are awarded for prize-winners in each of the Bratach Gorm, Gillies Cup, London Medallion, and Jig competitions, to determine the overall winner of the London Championship and the Gaelic Society of London's Cup. By winning the two piobaireachd competitions, Roderick MacLeod was already in a commanding position, and it was he who won the championship by a substantial margin.

Full results:
Bratach Gorm (piobaireachd): 1 Roderick MacLeod; 2 William MacCallum; 3 P/M Alasdair Gillies; 4 P/M Brian Donaldson; 5 Capt Greg Wilson.
Gillies Cup (piobaireachd): 1 Roderick MacLeod; 2 William MacCallum; 3 Capt Greg Wilson; 4 Andrew Wright; 5 P/M Iain Macey.
Highland Club Cup (piobaireachd): 1 Paula Glendinning; 2 Kenneth MacBride; 3 John Fraser.
London Medallion (March Strathspey & reel): 1 P/M Alasdair Gillies; 2 Roderick MacLeod; 3 Capt Greg Wilson; 4 P/M Iain Macey.
Strachan Trophy (March, Strathspey & reel): 1 Gavin Walker; 2 James Stewart; 3 Cpl Michael Gray; 4 Peter Hunt.
Highland Society's Targe (March, Strathspey & reel): 1 Stuart Cassells; 2 Paula Glendinning; 3 Innes Smith.
Robertson Trophy (March): 1 William MacCallum; 2 Roderick MacLeod; 3 P/M Alasdair Gillies.
Beaton Cup (Jig): 1 William MacCallum; 2 Roderick MacLeod; 3 P/M Alasdair Gillies.
Highlands and Islands Quaich (Gaelic air and jig: under 18): 1 Stuart Cassells; 2 David Russell; 3 Bernard Bouhadana.
Judges: P/M James Banks, Robert Brown, P/M Roger Huth, P/M Angus MacDonald, Donald Macpherson, Malcolm MacRae, Ronald Morrison, Capt Gavin Stoddart, P/M James Young.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1787; Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Erwin Rommel, Commander of the German Afrika Corps in the Second World War, Heidenheim, 1891; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897.

DEATHS: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Johann Comenius, educator, Naarden, 1670; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vienna, 1787; George Romney, portrait painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802; Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Paris, 1832; William Murdock, inventor, Soho, 1839; Tzu-Hsi, dowager Empress of China, Peking, 1908; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Vevey, 1916; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California, 1954; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, New York, 1978.

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Micah 4 : 2 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On November 13th 1995, to Wendy and Oliver, a son, George William, brother for William, Oliver and Elizabeth.

BADGER - On October 30th, to Jane and Jonathan, a daughter, Miranda Mary Elizabeth, a sister for Freddie.

BARRIE - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Louisa, wife of David, a son.

COLLISTER - On 4th November 1995, to Dorte (née Nayberg) and Patrick Collister, a son, Henry Peter, brother for Laria.

FOALE - On November 3rd, to Helen (née Jones) and David, a daughter, Poppy Anne Mathida.

FORTESCUE - On 9th November, to Phoebe (née Burridge) and John, a son, Hugh Augustus Francis, a brother for Tom.

FOSS - On September 29th 1995 at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Martina (née Saltini) and Patrick, a son, James Edoardo.

FOSTER - On November 6th, to Tina (née Davies) and Mark, a son, Oliver James.

JONES - On November 1st 1995, to Nick and Freddie, a son, Alec Huw Calvert, a brother for Joanna.

KEHOE - On 16th October, to Marigo (née Achesoo) and Richard, a son, Maximilian Richard, a brother for Benjamin Joseph.

NYE - On 4th November, to Victoria and Martin, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Jean, a sister for Charlie.

REYNOLDS - On 11th November 1995, to Jane Eaton and Paul Reynolds, a beautiful daughter.

STRAUSS - On 12th November 1995, to Sarah Panciulacca and Dominic Strauss, a beautiful daughter, Amber.

DEATHS

CASEY - On 11th November 1995 at home Thomas Edward Ronald Casey, Son of Christopher and Arabella, brother of Laura and Emma. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Leighterton, on Friday 17th November at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to the Church or F.W. Jones and Son F/D, 30 Market Place, Chippenham.

DEATHS

CHRISTIE - Zoe Mackenzie on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, peacefully at Cheltenham, aged 91 years. Much loved mother of Jill (Dec'd), Tim and Judy. The Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Cowley, on Tuesday 21st November at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cowley Church c/o The Churchwarden.

CHRISTEY - On November 11th 1995, Miss Marion Frances Slade Christey, only daughter of Samuel Slade Christey, former amateur billiard champion of the world in 1892, 1901 and 1902 and originally founder and shareholder of the Eccentric Club Piccadilly, proprietor of the Welcome Club, Crouch End, London N8.

CORDES - On November 10th, peacefully in her sleep, Muriel, much loved wife of the late Major James Cordes. Cremation at Gloucester Crematorium at 11 am followed by Memorial service at 12.30 pm at St Peter's Parish Church, Newnham-on-Severn, on Tuesday 21st November. Enquiries to Philip Bletchley, Funeral Director, (01594) 842877.

DONNELLY - John Cooper ("Jack"). Suddenly and then peacefully on 9th November 1995 at Gosport. Our dear husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation followed by thanksgiving service at St Mary's Alverstoke at 11.30am Friday 17th November. No flowers but donations if desired to RNLI direct. Home is the Sailor. Tel: (01705) 580074.

DUFF - Bunty, suddenly 11th November after short illness. Sadly missed by Sue and Gill. Funeral at Wittersham 2 pm Thursday 16th November. Family flowers only.

GILES - On November 10th 1995, Martin Edward aged 49, peacefully after a long illness. Much loved husband of Christine and father of Nicholas and Charlotte. All enquiries to J. Edwards and Son, 13 St George's Walk, Watertooville. tel: (01705) 262194.

DEATHS

GREGOR - On November 13th 1995, Professor Ian at Canterbury, greatly missed by family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Thomas's Roman Catholic Church, The Burgate, Canterbury, at 12 noon on Monday November 20th, followed by committal at Barham Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Flowers to C.W. Lyons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

HAIG - Kathleen Marjorie, on November 11th 1995 after a short illness bravely borne. Greatly loved widow of Edward John (Ned), mother of Nigel, mother-in-law of Margaret and grandmother of Andrew and Judith. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene, Cobham, Kent, on Monday 20th November at 2.15 pm with interment following. Flowers to Lewis Solomon, Funeral Directors, Darnley Road, Gravesend or donations to The Lions Hospice, Coldharbour Road, Gravesend, Kent.

HARRISON - Ivan Brewster on Remembrance Sunday at St Peter's, Chertsey. His wife Joyce and sons John and Bryan would like to thank the hospital staff for their kindness and care. Family only funeral at Leatherhead Crematorium on Friday 17th November. No flowers please but donations if wished to Cancer Research.

HUDDY - On November 10th 1995 after a long illness bravely borne, Lawis Grenfell Huddy, M.A., aged 82 years, formerly Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the London Borough of Hackney. Dearly loved husband of Peggy and father of Celia, David, Christine and Corinne. Much loved grandfather of Vaseema, Claire, Nicola, Edward, John, Caleb, Damian, Rhiannon, Charlotte and Genevieve, great-grandfather of Hollie, David, Nathan and Lauren. Funeral to be held at St Marylebone Crematorium, East Finchley, on Tuesday 21st November at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit at University College Hospital NHS Trust, London or may be sent to Cooksey & Son Funeral Directors, tel: (0181) 883-4844.

DEATHS

JOHNSON - On 9th November 1995 suddenly at her niece Sheena's home in Harrow, Mary Elizabeth aged 89 years. Much loved aunt and great-aunt and daughter of the late Frederick and Frances Johnson of Castlesteads, Brampton, Cumbria. Funeral private.

KERRISON - Peacefully on November 12th after short illness Roger Edmund Fiffe, husband of Anne. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Burgh-Next-Aylsham, on Monday November 20th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, (01603) 760787.

KILLICK - On 11th November at Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Evelyn Catherine. Funeral on Thursday 23rd November at 3.15 pm at St Paul's Church, Southall, Tunbridge Wells. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research Campaign c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD.

KIRKMAN - (Noel Fereday O.B.E.; M.D.; F.R.C.S.) On November 13th, 1995, peacefully at Woodend and of Sale, Noel, aged 84 years, beloved husband of Marion, much loved father of William and Julia and devoted brother of Edna. Funeral Service will be held at St John's Church, Brooklands, on Monday, November 20th at 2.15 pm followed by committal at Altrincham Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, for "The Langdale/Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team" may be sent to Arthur Gresty, SAIF, MBIFD, (Trafford Funeral Homes) Greystones, 306, Manchester Road, Altrincham, WA14 5PH. Tel: (0161) 973 1515 or 962 1515.

LANG - On 11th November 1995, peacefully at White Oaks Nursing Home after a long illness bravely borne, Monique Elise Jemima Lang, M.V.O. (née Johnstone), Widow of Andrew. Much loved sister of Francoise and her family, Sara, Nicholas, Mark and Linda. Cremation will take place at Tunbridge Wells on Thursday 16th November at 11.30 am. Flowers to G. Witherhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. Tel: (01435) 882219.

MACDONALD - Margaret Annie - Nan (Auntie Nan of Northern Childrens Hour). Sister of Flora and Ohna. Died peacefully at her home in London aged 87 on November 10th. Funeral private to Scotland.

DEATHS

MARTIN - Reverend John William on 12th November 1995, husband of Lilian, father of Anne, John, Patrick and Alice, grandfather of Jonathan, Lucy, Emma, Robert, Anthony and Felicity. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Weeke, Winchester on Friday 17th November at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Barnabas Church c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Chesil Street, Winchester (01962 844044).

MILLER - Norah Woolston (Taffy), peacefully on November 10th 1995 aged 80. For 65 years the dearly loved wife of James Miller. Funeral Service on Thursday November 16th at 12 noon at All Saints Church, Loose, Maidstone. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to All Saints Loose PCC, c/o Michael Lawrence, 93 Kings Street, Maidstone ME14 1BG.

MOON - On November 13th 1995, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with immense courage, Michael, husband of Iris, father of Heather and Julia and grandfather of Henry, Sarah and Flora and of Edward, William and Eleanor. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Sutton, at 3 pm on Thursday November 23rd.

MOORE - On November 11th peacefully in her sleep at home, Hilma Wells. Beloved wife of the late Jim Moore, much loved mother of Valerie and Hugh, a loved and loving grandmother of James and Robert, Angela and Philip and proud great-grandmother of three. Service of Thanksgiving at Fletching Church at 2.30 pm on Tuesday November 21st. Family flowers only.

MOSELEY - On 13th November peacefully in hospital, Commander Peter Charles Oswald Moseley D.S.C., Royal Navy aged 88. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Kingsley, Monday 20th November at 1.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Charles Read & Daughter, Funeral Directors, 13 Turk Street, Alton, Hants.

DEATHS

NEIL-SMITH - The Revd. John Christopher, on Sunday 12th November aged 75. Husband of Dorothea and father of David and Jonathan. Funeral at Christ the Saviour, Ealing Broadway, at 11.30 am on Monday 20th November. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Christ the Saviour c/o The Clergy House, The Grove, London W5 5DX.

RUSSELL - On 12th November 1995 peacefully at home, Muriel Campbell (née Selwyn), beloved wife of Stanley Farrant, dearly loved mother and grandmother. With Christ far better. Funeral 20th November 1995 12.45 pm at Christchurch, Orpington, followed by cremation at Beckenham. Please no flowers, but donations to Cross Links sent to 251 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1XF.

SMITH-EVANS - Captain Smith-Evans, suddenly in hospital on 11th November. Smudger, loving husband of Christine and father of Carol and Neil and stepfather of Thomas and Kelley. Funeral Service to be held on Friday 17th November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood at 9.15 am, followed by cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Bennetts (Brentwood) Ltd., 120 High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

STANLEY - On November 10th 1995, Lilian Elizabeth aged 83 years, Wife of the late Canon John Stanley of St Mary's, Prittlewell. A loving mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Thomas-on-The Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday November 18th at 10.30 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations and enquiries for Help the Aged c/o Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR, tel: (01420) 488896. A Memorial Service to be announced later.

WALDEGRAVE - Mary Hermione, Dowager Countess Waldegrave, widow of Geoffrey Noel, aged 88, at Chewton House, Chewton Mendip. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene, Chewton Mendip, Saturday 18th November at 3 pm.

MEMORIAL

MELUNSKY - Barbara: A celebration of the life and work of Barbara Melunsky will take place on Friday 8th December 1995 at 6.30 pm in the Large Hall, The Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1. Friends of Barbara, colleagues and all who knew her are invited to attend.

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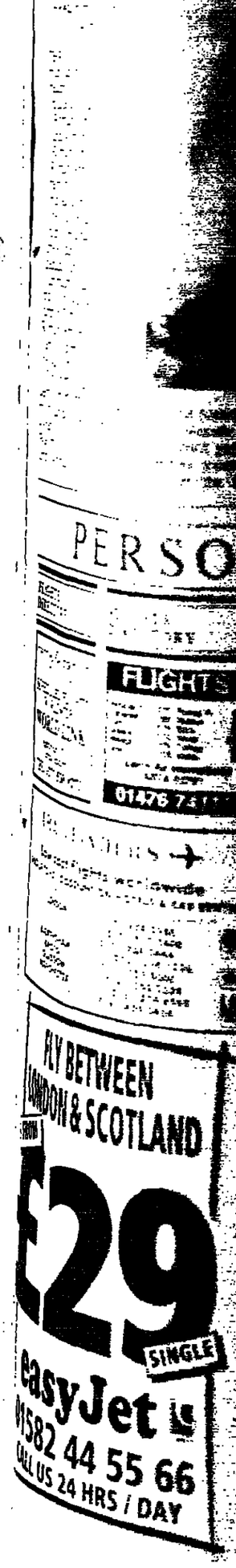
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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER MICHAEL WINGATE GRAY

Brigadier Michael Wingate Gray, OBE, MC and Bar, a former director of the Special Air Service (SAS), died on November 3 aged 74. He was born on July 17, 1921.



MIKE WINGATE GRAY was the last survivor of the "Four Musketeers", a quartet of young officers who helped to reconstitute the 1st Black Watch after the battalion had been captured at St Valéry in June 1940, when fog prevented the evacuation of the 51st (Highland) Division. He then fought with it at El Alamein and through Italy. He later became an almost legendary leader of the Special Air Service, commanding the 22nd Regiment SAS in southern Arabia in the early 1960s, and in the Borneo jungle during Britain's successful four-year confrontation with Indonesia, between 1962 and 1966.

Wingate Gray won his first Military Cross through an act of breathtaking bravery in Sicily in 1943 when his company of the Black Watch came under intense mortar and machinegun fire at Gerbini, taking heavy casualties. Every pillbox and house, which were previously thought to have been cleared, opened up as his platoon approached on July 21 — just four days after the subaltern's 22nd birthday — subjecting the Highlanders to a terrifying hail of bullets.

His citation read: "Seeing a machinegun post which was causing particular trouble he seized a light machinegun, leapt into a Bren gun carrier and yelling at the driver to go straight at it, charged the post — standing up and firing his Bren gun from the shoulder.

"As soon as the carrier started to move forward, every available Boche machinegun was directed against him. But the carrier went on and, seeing that they could not stop it, the post broke up and ran, hotly pursued by the carrier. Lieutenant Wingate Gray shot dead five men and wounded several others."

The citation concluded: "The advance then continued. Had it not been for his personal courage and quick grasp of the situation the platoon might have been wiped out. His action put new life into the company who were watching the whole incident."

He won his second MC in October 1944, when he was an intelligence officer with 154 Brigade and a gifted linguist — fluent in German, Russian and French. It reflected the part he played in negotiating a truce with the Germans and the French during the fighting which followed D-Day, enabling some 20,000 civilians and wounded troops to be evacuated.

Walter Michael Wingate Gray was born in Edinburgh, the son of a colonel in the Royal Horse Artillery. He went to Wellington College and spent some time learning languages under the guidance of a White Russian woman in London before being commissioned into the Black Watch in 1941. His excellent French and German made him extremely useful as an interpreter in the administration of occupied Germany in the immediate postwar period.

He went to staff college after spending some time as adjutant of his old battalion in the late 1940s — and later went to the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire. He served as a staff officer at Suez and ended the 1950s as an intelligence officer in the headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine.

In 1963 he was placed in charge of the Black Watch band on a tour of the United States. He sat beside President Kennedy at a concert on the White House lawn and shortly afterwards had the sad duty of arranging for regimental pipers to play a lament at the President's funeral.

Although he was disappointed not to be given command of the 1st Battalion Black Watch, he was to receive more than adequate compensation. The SAS were scouting around for their next commander. Reconstituted only 13 years before (after being disbanded at the end of the war) the regiment was still short of top-class leaders. Forced to cast their net further afield in their search for a talent, they found just the man they were looking for in Wingate Gray. Their only concerns were his age and his total lack of SAS experience.

As it happened, however, the regiment also required a new second-in-command, after the last one had been killed in action in Borneo. So they gave the No 2 post to Wingate Gray, to see if he was indeed made of the right stuff. He was. He insisted on taking the selection course — although some 15 years older than the others on it. Moreover, he had just returned from America where he had drunk the best part of a bottle of whisky a night for the previous two months as part of the endless round of entertaining. He started the gruelling course on the Brecon Beacons on the very morning after he had flown back across the Atlantic.

He not only passed the course with flying colours but, after a brilliant performance as second-in-command, took over as commanding officer 12 months later and led 22nd SAS for more than two years. One of his strengths was the level of trust which he placed in his squadron commanders, allowing them their freedom of action while on operations. But if anything ever went wrong and men were killed, Wingate Gray always personally accepted complete responsibility. Among his protégés was General Sir Peter de la Billière, who was later himself to lead the SAS with distinction and who commanded British forces in the Gulf War.

As a brigadier, Wingate Gray went on to become director of the SAS (including the two TA regiments) on the staff. He also served as deputy fortress commander in Gibraltar before embarking on his final job as military attaché in the British Embassy in Paris.

After retiring in 1973 Wingate Gray worked for the security services for a while — and also for a French firm making catamarans near Southampton. An accomplished golfer who played for the Army at one time, he now took up sailing instead. He sailed in his own boat both in this country and the Mediterranean and competed in at least one transatlantic yacht race.

But he was more than just a charismatic extrovert. He was a voracious reader with a sharp intellect and an inner reserve which suggested a deeper and more complex personality.

Mike Wingate Gray, who had had a recent history of heart disease, died while waiting to enter hospital for a heart valve replacement. His first marriage ended in divorce and he is survived by his second wife Sybil and by two sons, one from his first marriage and one from his second. Another son from his second marriage died in 1972 while still a schoolboy at Wellington College.

DAVID HEALY

David Healy, actor, died after a heart operation in London on October 25 aged 66. He was born in New York on May 15, 1929.



David Healy as Gerald Lyman, with Pippa Hinchley in *Bus Stop*, 1990

DAVID HEALY was an actor of Falstaffian proportions who cornered the market on the West End stage in playing exuberant Americans. The high point of his career came in middle age, when Richard Eyre cast him as Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls* (1982) at the National Theatre. It was the first full-scale musical the National had staged, and the show had an enormously bracing effect on a company trained in the classics. On the first night, when Healy led the cast in a rousing rendition of *Sit down, you're rocking the boat*, many of his young colleagues were completely overwhelmed by the audience's enthusiastic reception. By the following evening, Eyre had blocked in an encore, and so Healy remained for the rest of the year, winning ovations every night.

David Healy was born and brought up in New York until he was 18, when the family moved to Texas. His father was Australian and his mother an American, both of them radio stars. Healy had his first performing experience in the family's radio show, *At Home with the Healys*, which went out live from their living room.

He studied drama at Texas University, and looked set to follow the family tradition into radio by landing a job as a disc jockey on all-night radio. Instead, circumstances thrust him onto the stage. While he was doing his National Service with the USAF, he was offered the choice of being posted to the Caribbean, Germany or England. He was tempted to ask for England as his first choice. But, working on the theory that one should never volunteer for anything in the Forces, he changed his mind, and asked to go to Germany, the Caribbean and England in that order. As he had predicted, he was immediately posted to England.

He arrived in 1955, along with his friend and fellow Texan Larry Hagman (later J. R. Ewing in *Dallas*), and it was swiftly decided that he would be more useful as a morale-raiser than as a fighter. Thus it was that Healy joined the concert party *On Target*, which toured bases in Britain and Germany.

Healy left the show in 1964, to begin his professional acting career. As an American in London, he modestly noted that back home there might be twenty men who looked and sounded exactly like him, and who were more talented. But here in Britain, there was only one Healy. He was fortunate to be, in his own estimation, "a big fish in a little pond".

A spell at the Royal Shakespeare Company, 1967-69, was followed by two decades on the London stage. He appeared in three productions written by Jules Feiffer — *Crawling Arnold* at the New Arts Theatre (1964), *Feiffer's America* at the Lyric, Hammersmith (1982) and *Little Murders* when he joined the RSC. It was there, ten years later, that he briefly took over as Falstaff in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, having recently played the part at the Dallas Shakespeare Festival.

But musicals were his real forte. He appeared in *Anne of Green Gables* (1969), *On the Twentieth Century* and *Songbook* (both 1979) before doing *Guys and Dolls* at the National (for which he won the Olivier Award for best supporting actor), remaining with it when the show transferred to the West End. He scored another success playing Buddy in Stephen Sondheim's *Follies* at the Shaftesbury Theatre (1987), and more recently there was *Bus Stop* with Jerry Hall, at the Lyric (1989-90). He gave his final West End performance, and one of his best, in Arthur Miller's *The Last Yankee*, with Zoë Wanamaker, at the Duke of York's (1993).

Healy loved London, but he was not immune to the money he could make in the States. He spent five months there in 1967, but found he missed his family (he had an English wife) and, thereafter, would work only two months a year in America. He never appeared in a Broadway musical but he played Birdboot in an off-Broadway revival of Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* (1992) and appeared on American television in *Dallas* and *Charlie's Angels*. He did not regret his choice, and wistful dreams of Hollywood could easily be erased by the prospect of a day's fishing on the River Kennet.

He met his wife Peggy at the stables where he used to ride in Richmond. She survives him, together with their two sons.

PROFESSOR ERIC BIRLEY

Eric Birley, MBE, FBA, Professor of Romano-British History and Archaeology at Durham University, 1956-71, died on October 20 aged 89. He was born on January 12, 1906.



THROUGH his innovative publications and inspirational teaching, Eric Birley earned a place as a leader in the field of Romano-British history, especially in the area of study of Roman frontiers and the Roman Army. Under the direction of F. G. Simpson, he played a crucial role during the 1929 Birdoswald excavation of Hadrian's Wall. Using the evidence of inscriptions he deduced that there had been four main stages in the building of the wall which in their turn reflected the history of Roman Britain. His theories were to dominate studies of the wall for the next fifty years.

For thirty years, as president of northern Britain's two most ancient archaeological societies, the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society and the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, he published papers in their respective journals which kept him at the forefront of his field. His studies in this area were to culminate in his *Research on Hadrian's Wall*, published in 1961.

Birley also pursued a collateral interest in the Roman Army, a subject on which he wrote several papers, eventually gathered together in 1953 in his book *Roman Britain and the Roman Army*.

For fifteen years he was Professor of Romano-British History and Archaeology at Durham University. In 1969 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Eric Barff Birley was educated at Clifton and at Brasenose College, Oxford, where, studying under R. G. Collingwood, his interest in Hadrian's Wall was first awakened.

In 1931 he embarked on an academic career with an appointment at the University of Durham. At first he was associated principally with the excavations he helped to carry out at various forts in the vicinity of the wall as well as around the turrets and castles forming part of the wall itself. But when, using evidence obtained from the dating of pottery shards, he challenged the theories of George Macdonald concerning the duration of Roman occupation in the North, he gained respect as a student of pottery. He also earned an international reputation as a scholar of the Roman Army.

During the Second World War Birley worked for military intelligence, studying the number and disposition of the divisions of the German Army, the careers of its senior officers and significance of their appointments. He was appointed MBE in 1943.

His service days gave him new insights into the functioning of the Roman Army and after the war he returned to the study of this, writing and publishing a series of papers. He was acknowledged as the successor to Alfred Domaszewski, author of that magisterial work on the Roman Army, *Rangordnung des römischen Heeres* (1908). Much of his work was later reprinted in 1954 in his *The Roman Army: Papers 1929-1986*. Birley was also further developing his interest in Hadrian's Wall at this time, setting the wall firmly in the context of Roman frontier studies.

Birley transmitted his enthusiasms to many of his pupils who went on to become experts in the field. Before the war these included John Gillam and George Jobey of the University of Newcastle, Kenneth Steer of Scotland's Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments, and Peter Wenham of St John's College, York.

After the war, in a department of archaeology, housed first in a hut in the grounds of Hatfield College (of which he was Master from 1949 to 1956) and later in the picturesque Old Fulling Mill, Birley, together with a number of students attracted by his already formidable reputation, continued to create the Birley or Durham school. Birley was an indefatigable correspondent and many scholars in other countries acknowledged their debt to him. In 1986 Heidelberg University gave him an honorary doctorate.

Eric Birley is survived by his wife Peggy, together with their two sons, both of whom are involved in archaeological studies.

MICHEL PECQUEUR

Michel Pecqueur, former president of both the Commissariat à l'énergie atomique and the Elf-Aquitaine oil group, died in Paris on October 13 aged 64. He was born on August 18, 1931.



MICHEL PECQUEUR was one of those men the French call "un grand serviteur de l'État". He was never active in politics, although he was at the heart of the expansion during what are referred to now, with more than a touch of nostalgia, as "the 30 glorious years", the 1960s to 1980s, when France moved up to become the world's fourth economic power.

He was born and educated in Paris, and then trained as an engineer, graduating from the École nationale supérieure des mines and the École polytechnique. Afterwards he rose to become head of the Commissariat à l'énergie atomique (CEA), the French atomic energy agency, where he played a key role over a period of 25 years between 1958 and 1983.

He joined the CEA just as General de Gaulle's reign was starting, and by supervising the construction of the enriched uranium 235 plant at Pierrelatte in the South of France, he was instrumental in implementing de Gaulle's independent nuclear strategy.

Built not far from Orange in the Rhône Valley, Pierrelatte was a mammoth undertaking, yet was built on time. It provided the raw material for the nuclear warheads equipping de Gaulle's *force de frappe* (nuclear strike force) composed of Mirage IV bombers and missiles on the Plateau d'Albion, also near to the tourist regions of Provence.

Pecqueur later built the equally large Eurodif nuclear centre at Tricastin, next to the Pierrelatte plant, where the French developed their gas diffusion enrichment process for industrial use. After this building phase, Pecqueur occupied several key posts at the CEA, such as director of the enriched uranium department, 1966-70, and director of the department dealing with industrial uses of nuclear energy, 1970-74. He helped to build Cogema (nuclear fuels) and Framatome (nuclear power stations) as important industrial arms of the CEA, and worked with Électricité de France to build a string of nuclear power stations across the country.

As president of the CEA between 1978 and 1983 he obtained permission from the Socialist Government to build the big nuclear reprocessing plant at La Hague, near Cherbourg. This became a target for Greenpeace, but Pecqueur, who headed several environmental bodies, including that of the French Employers Association, argued that the nuclear industry, as conceived in France, was not a threat.

He next became president of Elf-Aquitaine, the oil chemicals and pharmaceutical group, during a crucial six-year period of expansion in the 1980s. He made acquisitions totalling some Fr11 billion, restructuring the chemical side, now one of the major parts of the group, rationalising refining and developing the pharmaceutical sector, around Sanofi. Profits soared under his leadership and by the time of his departure in 1989 he had set Elf firmly on the road to becoming France's largest company with an annual turnover of around Fr200 billion.

Despite his unique experience in running two major nationalised industries, he acquired few of the trappings associated with senior Gaullist era managers, most of whom ran their sectors as personal fiefs.

Although Pecqueur kept contact with the nuclear sector by presiding over the uranium mining company in Gabon, he concentrated mainly on the oil sector after leaving Elf-Aquitaine. One of his chief posts was vice-president of Erap (Entreprise de recherches et activités pétrolières).

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

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How to make the garden sell the house

CLIVE NICHOLS



Artist in residence: Anthony Noel says the smaller the plot the harder the "bones" of a garden must work

Why write about gardens in November? It might not seem particularly important to the immediate property market but sellers should note that work outdoors could mean easier and quicker sales — both now and early next year.

Agents say well tended gardens have never been more important to ensure a sale. Family buyers have always wanted space for children to play in, but the 1990s seems to be marked by garden-mania.

Nicholas Pearce, of the London agents Beaney Pearce, says that 80 per cent of housebuyers now want some form of outside space. Homeowners want to garden. Mark Drysdale, of Foxtons office in Fulham, says: "In the 1980s everyone wanted low-maintenance gardens. Nowadays people seem to enjoy creating and designing a garden, however small, just as they would the interior of the house."

The passion for gardens is to the 1990s what the passion for interiors was to the 1980s. Then you might have hired an interior designer, now you are more likely to call on a garden expert, says Nick Van Zeller from Knight Frank & Rutley in Hungerford, Berkshire.

Perhaps it is partly because people stay put longer: now the average house move occurs every seven years. In the 1980s, government figures show households moved every five years. Longer horizons dovetail with a desire to make a more permanent mark on the landscape.

Others attribute garden mania to the decline in the two-house family. Our habits are changing. More and more two-income families have given up the place in the country, agents note. If the house is in town, ideally it has a large garden, and, with only one house the owner has some precious time to tend it.

The wealthiest buyers now seek to buy town houses which back on to London's parks as their main homes, says Lorna Vestey, from Knight Frank. Regent's Park is almost the only central London park where private residential houses not only overlook it but are also an integral part of its design.

However, despite the love of green, many sellers are still concentrating solely on interiors. Louis de Soissons, of Savills's Norfolk office, says: "It is something of a mystery that when preparing for a sale, vendors lavish so much attention on spring-cleaning the inside of a house, but apply lesser effort in presenting the garden. A well-kept garden can make a very real contribution to the sale price."

Agents vary in their estimates of what a garden can add to a property. Mr Pearce puts the premium at 10 per cent. Geoffrey Edmead, from Foxtons office in Putney, says a good garden is worth an extra 15 per cent.

Mr de Soissons says: "One should never underestimate the compliments which a stunning garden can bestow on a house." The challenge, of course, is to create a stunning garden during the winter months.

One option is to give up trying to sell this winter. Instead, replant and remodel with a view to selling in the spring. Autumn is the ideal season for a revamp because plants are dormant, the weather mild and the earth soft, Mr Van Zeller says. "Now is the time to get the bones of a garden right."

For those with small town gardens who must sell this winter, help is at hand with a new book, *Truly Tiny Gardens* by Thomasina Tarling. She plays with mirrors, *trompe-l'oeil*, trellising and different levels to double the sense of space.

Those seeking expert advice could also turn to Anthony Noel, famed for his own tiny garden in Fulham, west London. Here, brightly striped pots cluster round a small fountain, with deep, thickly planted boarders enclosed by high walls topped by urns.

Mr Noel's advice is that the smaller the plot, the harder the formal and structural bones of a garden must work. His penchant is for painting back garden walls a dreamy faded pink. This seems to fill the garden with sunlight.

Mr Pearce says that buyers in Chelsea, Knightsbridge, Belgravia and Kensington prefer gardens to be big enough for drinks parties. They should be paved and well lit and ideally have automatic watering systems. Ian Homersham, from John D. Wood, says: "A London garden is often more to be looked onto than used. Keep it a green and tranquil place which you can illuminate at night."

In the country, Ian Stewart, of Savills, says demand is for mature gardens. "However rich, you cannot create 50-plus years of mature trees and shrubs overnight." The ultimate saleable garden, he feels, is undulating landscape with mature trees, with "inner garden areas" which could be varied according to taste. A swimming pool, for example, could be tucked into an old kitchen garden.

Conrad Payne, of Cluttons's Canterbury office, notes that five acres is the ideal size for a country house garden, of which half an acre to an acre will usually be formal gardens and the remainder either woodland or paddocks. Buyers are nervous of anything larger because they worry that it will become unmanageable. However enthusiastic, a new generation of gardeners are realists too.

● Truly Tiny Gardens, *by Thomasina Tarling, is published by Conran Octopus, £10.99.* Anthony Noel (0171-371 9691).

Deadline day at Greenwich

Agent expects last-minute bids for the Royal Naval College building

The deadline for all proposals for the future of the Royal Naval College of Greenwich expires at noon today.

The only certain joint bid is from the University of Greenwich and the National Maritime Museum which will announce precise details today.

Proposals for the historic building must be submitted to the agents Knight Frank & Rutley. Richard Haines, from the agent, said they had yet to receive any offers but it was standard practice for interested parties to submit offers at the very last moment.

Mr Haines said it would take several months before any final decision was reached by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary. It may be that the Government decides to appoint a trust to oversee the future of the building. The National Maritime Museum has proposed that such a trust should oversee the process of finding a new owner for the building, and monitor its use thereafter. The trust, it suggests, should be run by public figures involved with heritage. Possible names include Simon Jenkins, former Editor of *The Times*, and Sir Roy Strong, but the museum refused to confirm particular candidates.

> 'The strong public feeling towards the college is clear'

The trust proposal was made by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, former chairman of trustees of the National Maritime Museum, in the House of Lords earlier this month.

Michael Barrett, from the museum, denied that the proposal was a last-ditch attempt by the museum to change the rules to ensure that its own joint bid was chosen.

"The museum has come up with this proposal because it feels that it is the correct and effective way of selecting appropriate uses for the Royal Naval College building," he said. "The strength of public feeling towards the college is clear following the intense debate of past weeks."

Heritage insiders say that the museum proposal is because it realises that it does not have sufficient resources to take over the buildings.

Giles Worsley, editor of *Perspectives On Architecture*, the magazine backed by the Prince of Wales, says: "The museum has backed away from taking over the whole complex of the building. They realise they haven't got sufficient standing, or resources, but they want still to be involved. The idea of a trust pre-empts the formal bid process."

Mr Worsley said that the museum's reputation at running its own buildings was doubtful and it had had problems with running the Queens House at Greenwich.

He welcomed the idea of a charitable trust. This would relieve the commercial pressure and take the decision out of the hands of the Government.

But other conservationists were worried that the setting-up of a trust would delay any decision. Emma Phillips, secretary of Save Britain's Heritage, said that the exercise was being well handled by the Ministry of Defence who had designed safeguards in its selection procedures to make sure that a new owner would run the building with respect to its heritage and importance.

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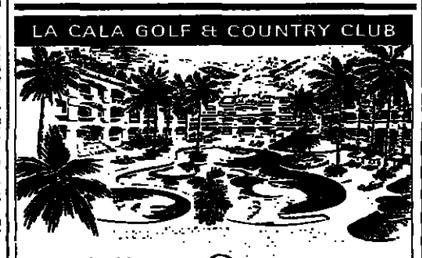
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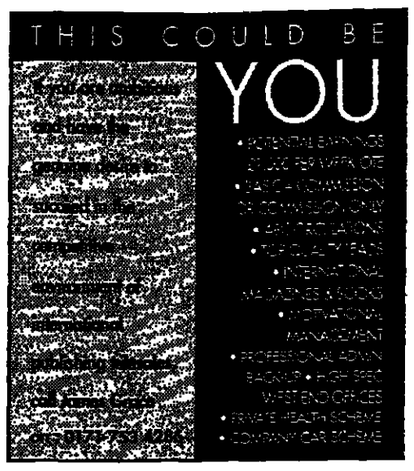
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Since the BBC's World Television Service was dropped from Asiasat, cable and pay-TV are a growth industry in China and Taiwan

A captive audience — but for how long?



BRENDA MADDOX

I had heard that satellite reception was illegal in China but on my first visit I was too transfixed by the visible effects of the "one-child" policy to count dishes. In crowd after crowd, in the urban congestion of Canton, Shanghai and Peking it would have been easier to spot an adult with two heads as with two children.

Such scant evidence of our species below the age of five that I could see appeared to be almost all male: overweight, overdressed little trophy-sons. "Oh, people do have girls," a scientist laughingly told me, "but they keep them at home. They like to show off their boys."

The satellite dish ban seemed less rigorously applied than the two-child ban. There were plenty of dishes, large and conspicuous, on top of the many gleaming tall buildings. Not illegal, most of them, I learnt, just regulated. Individuals or organisations must, since last year, get government approval. This is readily granted to those allowed an ear on the outside world — hotels above three stars, blocks of flats where foreigners live, and certain official and financial organisations. Then, too, there are licensed cable systems, showing permitted satellite channels to the domestic audience.

But satellites and children are related — oh yes. The global television systems trying to reach the Chinese-speaking market have the younger generation firmly in their sights.

At the moment, foreign television reaches the mainland Chinese audience mainly by overspill. The main target is Taiwan. Affluent, Western-orientated, the audience there is lapping up the entertainment, sports and pop music offered by international channels. As the most cabled place in Asia — 90 per cent of the population hooked — Taiwan is well placed to sell pay TV, the only way the satellite channel providers can get their money back.

Two rival providers, based in Hong Kong, gave me remarkably similar sociological analyses of the Asian scene. Gary Davey, chief executive of Star TV, now wholly owned by The News Corporation (parent company of *The Times*) said: "This generation of young parents is giving their kids a new deal." Children are indulged, he said, as long as they study.

At Turner International, which for a year has been providing a popular children's cartoon channel, as well as its Cable News Network International, Ted MacFarland, head of Asian operations, said: "Asian parents dote on their children. They reward them with TV for hitting the books." But he said children in Asia are underserved with television choice. And as most households have only a single set, once the child loves the cartoons channel, "you've hooked the whole family".

Both Davey and MacFarland emphasised their determination to be good guests in whatever countries their programmes are received. In some, as Davey put it, "we (Star) don't do news". Turner, of course, does news but shuns controversy. It contents itself that CNNI reaches a mainly hotel audience while the cartoon channel aims for something larger. (Of the three billion people within reach of Star's Asiasat, 63 per cent are under 30 and 700 million are teenagers.) Both Turner's cartoons and Star's entertainment channels broadcast in Mandarin, and other vernacular languages on the now-established principle that local audiences want their TV in their own language, not in English.

Which brings us to the BBC. Star TV, as is well known, dropped the BBC's World Television Service from the northern beam of its Asiasat in April 1994. There is no question that the move was welcomed by China. China has no love for the BBC, particularly after BBC-TV's domestic service broadcast a documentary about Chairman Mao as seen by his doctor. More recent BBC critical programmes have also upset them.

At the same time, the commercial advantage of using the vacated channel for a subscription-movie service in Chinese was overwhelming. Davey acknowledged this dual motive: "I am not denying that it helped us politically in China that the BBC was not there," he said. "But in Taiwan, the BBC was just not being viewed. And I wanted to kick-start pay-TV. Something had to go. Even if the political problems were not there, the BBC would have had to go."

BBC World remains. Davey pointed out, on the southern beam of Asiasat, which reaches India, the Middle East and even some western regions of China. In most of this vast region a lot of English is spoken, and there is an interest in cricket.

The reward for Star's decision is manifest. Star Movies' Chinese-language pay-TV service is welcome in mainland China and watched by 30 million viewers over the cable systems, which are being built rapidly to bring entertainment into China's blocks of flats and to discourage individual ownership of satellite dishes.

People at Turner International were sceptical of the BBC's dismay at being dropped from Asiasat-north. "Why can't they rent a channel on another satellite?" one salesman in Shanghai asked me. The BBC's answer is money. Unlike its outright commercial rivals, it cannot afford to invest, lose money for a long time and wait.

China, said a Turner man, "is not a today market. It is a tomorrow market." My guess is that tomorrow's Chinese cable systems will take all the foreign channels they can get — except news. But when all those little only sons seek, and fail to find, brides, will there be any children to sit in front of the sets?

New roles for New Men

The portrayal of men as sex objects in advertising may create a backlash, says **Alan Mitchell**



Outsmarted: a female company boss has fun at the expense of a male chauvinist in Kenco coffee's advertisements

A gorgeous hunk of a construction worker slowly strips off his shirt. A gaggle of gawking secretaries ooh and aah at his utter sexiness, purring a chorus of female wolf whistles. And we are all amused.

If such a commercial had depicted a stripping female being ogled by a group of voyeuristic men, the television stations' switchboards would have been jammed with irate callers. But as it's only a man being treated as a sex object, this advert for Diet Coke has passed by without a ripple. The Independent Television Commission (ITC), the television advertising watchdog, has received just one complaint about it.

Diet Coke is one example of adland's latest bandwagon: male stereotyping. Some adverts explore the caring, sharing New Man theme. But a growing number play the role reversal game. Men are depicted as aggressive, reckless drivers (Swinton Insurance); as incompetents who cannot chop an onion or change a nappy (Cusson's); as Neanderthals who cannot cope with modern technology (BT), or as always being outsmarted by a woman boss (Kenco coffee).

Just harmless fun? Most of us, both male and female, think it is. But how far should the role reversal game go? And what comes after?

Some groups already aren't seeing the funny side. When the ITC researched British attitudes towards nudity in advertising, a surprising number expressed concern that the treatment of men was as sexist as that of women.

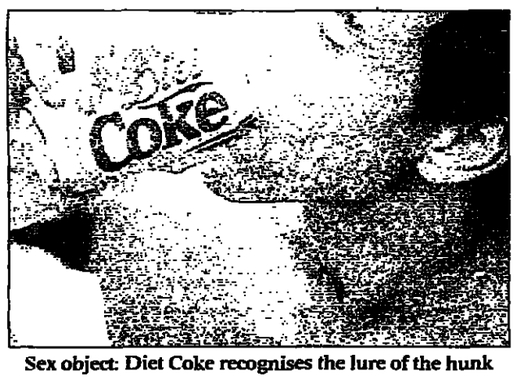
And according to a new study by the market researchers Davies Riley-Smith Maclay, young men in particular are beginning to resent the way marketers represent their sex. The Page 3-style depiction of perfect-torsoed men makes them feel inadequate, and commercials which make men seem inferior to women at work make their blood boil. "Some of these adverts are potentially very denigratory," agrees the firm's associate director Lucy Banister.

Advertisers say gender role reversal adverts are simply tongue in cheek, and appeal to women who like the "It's payback time" message. Women's attitude is that they have had to live with negative imagery since time immemorial, so it's refreshing to see men getting a taste of their own medicine.

> Women are enjoying the role reversal

But there may be something deeper at work. While feminism has staked out positive roles for women both at home and at work, economic change means that young men are being stripped of old roles and finding little that is positive to replace them.

At school, girls are now doing better than boys. They are catching up fast in the world of work too. Soon women will outnumber men in paid employment. One in four men of working age is now jobless. For men, who are still dependent on paid work as a means of self-identification, this amounts to a "crisis of masculinity", says the Henley Society in its recent report, *Planning for Social Change*.



Sex object: Diet Coke recognises the lure of the hunk

According to its research, both men and women agree that the qualities post-industrial employers are looking for, such as understanding everyday problems and getting on with colleagues, are more likely to be found among women. In work, "the future is female", it suggests.

Now, Ms Banister says, there is a feeling among some young men that women are getting the best of both worlds. Girls are encouraged to excel at work if they want to, but they always have an alternative of home-building. Male stereotyping in advertising merely confirms the pressure men feel from other sources. Ms Banister says. Resentment against it "can only increase as existing social trends develop".

Some signs of the times: complaints to the ITC about television adverts being offensive to men are rising fast, albeit from a very low base. The majority of complaints made to the Equal Opportunities Commission on grounds of sex discrimination at work now come from men. And saddest of all, the group with the fastest growing suicide rate is young men between 15 and 24. It is up 71 per cent in the ten years to 1992 and attributable at least partly to changing economic and social roles and pressures, say the Samaritans.

How seriously should marketers take the issue of negative male stereotyping? Not very, suggests Adam Kirby, a board account director at Lowe Howard Spink, the agency that produced the Diet Coke adverts. It's a temporary phenomenon, he says. Because commercials have to get their message across in 30 or so seconds, they must deal in clichés. But clichés work only if they are fresh, he says. "When they become witless and perpetual they become counterproductive."

According to Dawn Coulter, a senior planner at McCann Erickson, the agency that produced a commercial for Too Good To Be True ice-cream, which showed a woman being waited upon by a harem of sex-slave hunks, "exploitation can't be offensive if it doesn't reflect the real world". And in the real world of work and housework women are still the underdogs, she says.

Already, says the Henley Centre, the world of work is rejecting fixed gender roles. Marketing could soon follow, suggests Ms Coulter. Traditionally, products have been clearly positioned as "male" or "female", with adverts targeting one of the sexes. But the future may be unisex. Already the car has made the journey from ultimate macho symbol to a unisex object. The next step? Watch out for a wave of unisex food and toiletry brands and campaigns.

Another round of musical chairs

John Diamond on the fall of the Independent's Editor



Hargreaves: resigned

Of all the eccentric hops and skips in the game of musical chairs which editorial life in Fleet Street has become, the least surprising was the resignation yesterday of Ian Hargreaves as the Editor of the *Independent*.

Just 18 months ago I interviewed Hargreaves as he was leaving a safe deputy's chair at the *Financial Times* to go to Canary Wharf. Wasn't he, I asked, worried about implementing the budget cuts being sought by David Montgomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group which owns 43 per cent of the paper? Not at all, he said, and confidently listed the firm budgetary assurances he'd been given.

But they turned out not to be quite so firm after all. There were sackings soon after he joined, and another round in June. On Monday night the board called for 40 more and Hargreaves walked. The legendarily tough Charles Wilson, who was, ironically enough, Editor of *The Times* when the *Independent* started, has taken over as temporary editor and will have no problem sacking as many people as he feels he needs to.

The *Independent* is now run in tandem by David Montgomery's Mirror Group and the Irish media owner Tony O'Reilly: for some time it has been apparent that Hargreaves had lost the support of the former — who was heard last month telling staff at, of all places, *The Guardian* that Hargreaves was not much longer for this world — and now he seems to have fallen out of favour with O'Reilly too.

But if Hargreaves is the wrong editor for the paper it's hard to see who would be the right one. The paper is losing at least a million pounds a month. Morale is low and, says one staff member, will fall even further if an outsider is drafted in as editor. The most regularly touted inside appointment — Andrew Marr, the paper's political editor — has, apparently, already turned the job down.

Moreover, any Mirror Group money which could be diverted to the staffing and promotion of the paper is going instead to fund Montgomery's long game at the company's cash-leeching Live! TV, the cable station which will, he hopes, bring to reality his dream of TV moguldom.

Staff at the *Independent* have their own dream, namely that Tony O'Reilly will stump up the cash, buy the paper outright, and thus fulfil his dream of owning a British newspaper. Dream on: if the paper is losing a million a month sharing facilities with the *Daily Mirror*, it can lose only more if it strikes out alone.

Can the paper last? *The Guardian* yesterday in a rare front page streamer boasted its own success — sales now at 405,000 a day — and noted smugly the *Independent* fall below 300,000. Current informed opinion, led by less triumphalist pundits, is that the paper which was going to save the soul of the British press has some two years left before it runs out of financial believers.

Certainly that time will be shorter if O'Reilly's rumoured plans for the failing *Daily Express* are to be believed. Last week the word was that Andrew Lloyd Webber was teaming up with O'Reilly to take over the paper, and the events following the resignation of the editor, Sir Nicholas Lloyd, have fuelled those rumours, and there will certainly be other bidders. Although the Express's Lord Stevens talks about finding a new editor he's gone for none of the obvious choices, and Lloyd is continuing to edit until the end of the month.

This means there are two national editors' jobs up for grabs — and this given that the installation of two new editors at The Telegraph plc last month was meant to signal the end of the latest flurry of editorial reshuffling in Fleet Street which has left no paper with an editor who's had more than three years in the job. But there may be more changes to come.

"The sophisticated conversation at Associated Newspapers," one *Mail* executive told me last week, "is that Max Hastings was brought across from the *Telegraph* to oversee the plan to turn the London *Evening Standard* into a national paper — a sort of tabloid format *Telegraph*."

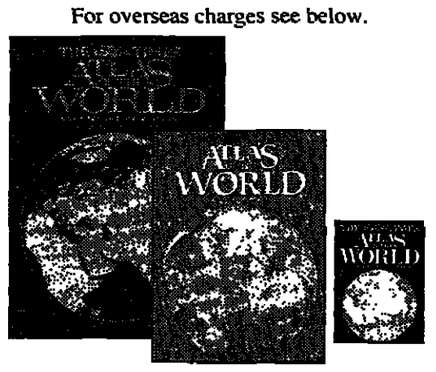
It certainly makes a sort of sense. The *Standard* sells as many papers to Londoners as most broadsheets do across the whole country. It has a full foreign and home news staff, a raft of expensive columnists and pundits and could be printed around the country on the *Mail*'s presses. It could even, perhaps, take on some of the *Independent*'s journalists.

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Alexandra Frean on the increasing dangers for journalists in war zones

Have flak jacket ... will report



Zafar Abbas, a BBC correspondent in Pakistan, suffered head injuries when he was attacked by an armed gang

THE MURDER by Croatian troops of the BBC journalist John Schofield in August was a brutal illustration of why television crews covering war zones now routinely wear flak jackets and travel in armoured vehicles. War correspondents frequently become victims of the conflicts they cover and Mr Schofield was one of at least 50 journalists to have died covering the war in former Yugoslavia.

Despite these dangers, there is growing concern that the increasing use of armour and of battlefield training courses by journalists is creating a "bunker mentality" which negatively affects the way they report wars, and can turn certain notoriously dangerous areas into complete "no go zones" for the media.

Martin Bell, the BBC's veteran war correspondent who has himself been wounded by shrapnel in the former Yugoslavia, said that the corporation's recent attempts to minimise the risk for journalists on the front-line by issuing them with safety guidelines and sending them on "hostile environment" training weeks were not necessarily the best solution. Journalists were often better served by being allowed to use their discretion and experience in determining what precautions to take.

"Wearing a flak jacket separates you from the people with whom you are living as if you have some superhuman status. It is the status we should not claim. It is, in a sense, rather shameful to be wearing a flak jacket while you are interviewing somebody who isn't," he said.

Christiane Amanpour, a senior international correspondent with the American cable news service CNN who has worked in most of the main war zones of the 1990s, agrees that there is a limit to which armour can be useful. "The bunker mentality among journalists ... can sometimes prevent you going places you might otherwise go," she said.

Speaking at the weekend in Berlin at an international conference which brought together 150 news organisations from around the world, Ms Amanpour added that in some circumstances, wearing protective clothing could actually increase risk. "In Somalia if you are caught wearing a flak jacket you could get your throat cut by someone trying to steal it ... we need to know how to use these things in an intelligent fashion," she said.

Jon Snow, presenter of *Channel 4 News*, said that the bunker mentality was effectively making some areas "off limits". Broadcasters were now so worried about the death toll among journalists in Algeria, he said, that they had virtually decided not to send crews to cover the country's elections tomorrow. At least 21 journalists were killed there last year — victims of tensions between Muslim extremists and a Government determined to muzzle the press.

Any footage of the election used by British broadcasters is likely to be provided by television news agencies, such as Reuters Television.

The dangers are compounded by the increasing competition between the three television news agencies — Reuters Television, APTV and WTN. In Bosnia, a shared picture "pool", designed to reduce the risks taken by rival agencies and freelance camera crews, recently broke up because of tension between the three agencies.

A tempting solution might be for governments and news organisations to do more to ensure that those who murder journalists are brought to justice. Even this, however, is fraught with difficulties. Journalists sometimes fear that attempts to track down the murderers might make life still more difficult for those left behind in the field.

NEWS

Princess of Wales goes solo on TV

■ Buckingham Palace reacted with dismay yesterday to the news that the Princess of Wales has given a major interview revealing her private thoughts on the break-up of her marriage to *Panorama*, the BBC's current affairs programme.

The hour-long interview will be shown next Monday. The Prince of Wales heard of his estranged wife's public relations coup as he conducted engagements in Germany and celebrated his 47th birthday. He was said to be furious ..... **Pages 1, 3**

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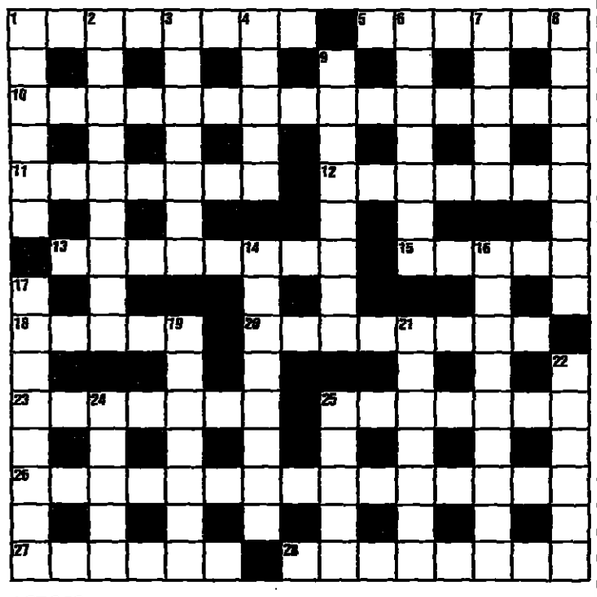
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,013



ACROSS

1 Powerful leader one should read carefully (8).
5 Work in college (6).
10 Walk *East* to America? Certain to be a tragedy (10,5).
11 Politician doing well to make himself agreeable (7).
12 The class is detailed to move bookcase (7).
13 It was *simple* to be Roman emperor (8).
15 French publication largely a failure (5).
18 Examination of half the theatre (5).
20 Very angry, recognise problem (8).
23 Spiked attachment, the key to operating on a slope (7).
25 Stopped ball in deviation of flight (7).
26 Comment by judge is a small blow (7,8).
27 A quarter got the hidden error (6).
28 Wide boy may at last appear *in* court (8).

DOWN

1 Reproduce notes, having chosen to speak (6).
2 Middle of the road — the ground of real value to government (5,4).
3 *Different name given to the same* flower (7).
4 Go over actor's script (5).
6 It's said to include part of circuit (7).
7 Luxurious extra hour (5).
8 Border pine in covert (8).
9 Is being in the shade a bore? (8).
14 Loss of marbles for Elgin at last — is it any surprise? (8).
16 Chap with title needs to knock about (9).
17 *Guardian to be alert to trick by KGB centre* (8).
19 *One up the pole — health* broken by *news from radio* (7).
21 Marx, working, used to attack Leviathan (7).
22 The White King? (6).
24 Passage through middle of Scottish town (5).
25 Youthful novel (5).

This National Final puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 81% of contestants.

Solution to Puzzle No 20,012

S	H	A	N	D	Y		O	F	T	T	I	M	E	S
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R		U		T		E		G		E		S		
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Falmouth, Cornwall, 16C (61F); *lowest day max:* Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); *highest rainfall:* Plymouth, Devon, 68m. *highest sunshine:* Lowestoft, Suffolk, 5.6hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** There will be sunny spells over England and Wales but showers are likely, particularly in central and eastern districts. There will be some heavy and persistent showers in the south and west but it will be mild.

Most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cold, wet and windy, but it will be brighter and showery over northernmost Scotland. Snow is likely in the mountains.

☐ **London, Central S, SE England:** Sunny with occasional showers. These will be heavy and lengthy in the evening. Wind southwest, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, Central N, E England:** Mostly bright. Showers will persist into the evening. Wind southwest moderate, occasionally fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales:** Bright but showery; prolonged rain in places later. Wind south, moderate or fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders:** Mostly wet. Wind variable or southwest moderate. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Mostly wet. Snow likely in mountains. Wind northeast, fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Showery with a risk of snow. A few brighter intervals. Wind northeast, fresh or strong. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** Persistent and heavy rain will give way to showers as much colder weather spreads to all areas. Some snow in the north.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm; b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun, t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.01	11	52	du
Anglesey	6.0	0.17	14	57	s
Aspatria	0.2	-	13	55	c
Aviemore	2.4	-	12	54	b
Belfast	0.3	0.12	15	59	r
Birmingham	1.1	0.05	14	57	r
Bognor R	6.1	0.05	15	59	s
Bournem'th	5.4	0.24	16	61	s
Bristol	5.8	0.31	16	61	b
Bludon	-	-	11	52	du
Cardiff	4.7	0.19	13	55	fg
Clacton	0.2	0.01	13	55	c
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	4.5	0.07	14	57	b
Cromer	1.5	-	12	54	c
Doncaster	X				
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	4.3	0.09	15	59	b
Edinburgh	1.0	-	12	54	c
Edzell/Lerwick	-	-	11	52	du
Exmouth	6.3	0.10	14	57	s
Falmouth	8.5	-	18	64	b
Fishguard	6.5	0.11	13	55	fg
Folkestone	0.1	-	14	57	c
Glasgow	-	-	12	54	c
Guernsey	7.0	-	18	61	s
Hastings	3.9	0.02	17	63	b
Hayling I	6.1	0.16	15	59	s
Herne Bay	0.1	-	13	55	c
Hove	3.4	0.07	15	59	b
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	fg
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	1.4	0.17	15	59	b
Jersey	3.2	0.17	13	55	b
Kinloss	-	-	11	52	c
Leeds	-	-	11	52	du
Lerwick	-	-	9	48	c
Leuchars	-	-	11	52	c
Littlehmptn	4.6	0.10	16	61	s
Liverpool	0.6	0.01	13	55	r
London	2.3	-	15	59	b
Lowestoft	1.8	-	13	55	c
Manchester	-	0.05	12	54	r
Margate	-	-	13	55	r
Minehead	7.8	0.17	17	63	s
Morecambe	-	-	12	54	du
Newcastle	-	-	12	54	c
Newquay	5.3	0.01	15	59	b
Norwich	1.4	-	14	57	b
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	1.9	0.13	14	57	fg
Penzance	7.4		17	63	s
Plymouth	X				
Poole	3.2	0.22	15	59	fg
Prestatyn	X	0.05	14	57	s
Ross-o-wye	5.4	0.31	15	59	s
Ryde	X				
Scarborne	X				
Sandown	6.6	0.22	15	59	fg
Saunton Snd	7.8	-	16	61	s
Scarborough	-	-	12	54	du
Shanklin	6.2	0.25	15	59	s
Shrewsbury	0.8	0.03	13	55	r
Skegness	-	-	11	52	c
Southend	0.3	-	14	57	c
Southport	0.2	0.02	13	55	d
Southsea	6.8	0.20	15	59	s
Stornoway	3.5	-	13	55	b
Swanage	5.5	0.12	16	61	s
Teignmouth	4.3	-	13	55	s
Tenby	5.4	0.03	15	59	b
Tiree	-	-	13	55	c
Torquay	5.6	-	16	59	b
Ventnor	6.7	0.34	16	61	s
Weymouth	4.8	0.66	16	61	s

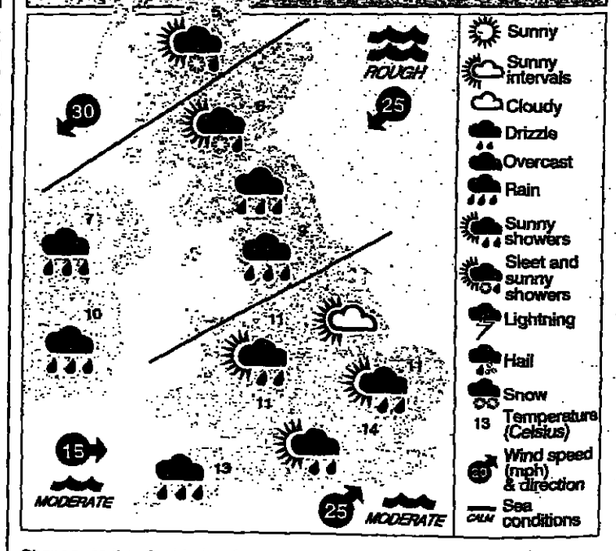
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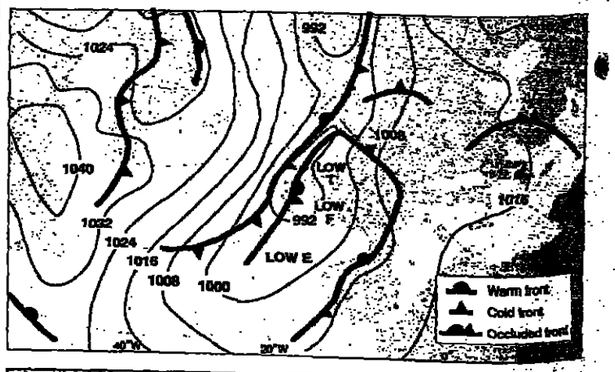
Ajaccio	15	59	r	Corfu	18	64	r	Majorca	20	68	s
Alicante	21	70	s	C'phagn	2	36	c	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Dublin	12	54	c	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	20	68	f	Dubrovnik	13	55	r	Melb'rne	18	64	s
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Faro	18	64	f	Mexico C	21	70	s
Athens	18	64	c	Florence	18	64	f	Miami	28	79	c
B Aires	21	70	f	Frankfurt	9	48	c	Milan	18	64	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Funchal	22	72	s	Montreal	-1	30	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	12	54	f	Moscow	-1	34	h
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Munich	9	48	d
Barcelona	17	63	s	Helsinki	2	36	r	N Delhi	26	79	s
Beirut	20	68	s	Hong K	21	70	f	N York	2	36	c
Belgrade	8	46	c	Innsbruck	10	50	f	Nairobi	22	72	r
Berlin	3	37	c	Istanbul	15	59	c	Naples	15	59	f
Bermuda	24	75	s	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	18	64	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	Jo'burg	28	82	s	Oslo	-2	28	c
Borde'x	16	61	s	L Angels	20	68	c	Paris	8	46	c
Brussels	9	48	c	L Palmas	22	72	s	Peking	16	61	s
Budapst	6	43	c	Le Tquet	10	50	f	Perth	29	84	s
Cairo	22	72	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Prague	4	39	c
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Locarno	16	59	fg	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Ch'church	17	63	-	Luxembg	7	45	c	Rhodes	19	66	s
Chicago	-1	30	c	Luxor	25	77	s	Rio de J	29	84	s
Cologne	11	52	c	Madrid	9	48	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Rome	19	66	f								
S Frisco	17	63	s								
S Paulo	X										
Salzburg	5	41	c								
Santiago	22	72	s								
Seoul	6	46	s								
Sing'por	28	82	f								
St'kholm	1	34	c								
Strasb'rg	11	52	c								
Sydney	22	72	f								
Tangier	20	68	s								
Tel Aviv	21	70	s								
Tenerife	23	73	f								
Tokyo	19	66	s								
Toronto	1	34	sn								
Tunis	19	66	f								
Valencia	18	64	s								
Vanc'ver	8	46	r								
Venice	16	61	s								
Vienna	6	43	c								
Warsaw	1	34	c								
Wash'ton	4	39	r								
Wel'ngton	14	57	-								
Zurich	10	50	c								

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low E will fill. Lows F and T will move slowly northeast, with little change



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5:58	6.1	6.41	6.04	Leith	7:29	4.55	7:46	4.52
Aberdeen	6.16	3.47	6.32	3.55	Liverpool	3:43	7.44	4:09	7.40
Avonmouth	11:23	10.21	11:52	9.50	Lowestoft	1.46	2.28	2:14	2.14
Belfast	3:50	2.87	4:12	3.15	Margate	4:10	4.11	5:04	3.98
Cardiff	11:05	9.92	11:34	9.32	Milford Haven	10:55	5.48	11:31	5.14
Devonport	10:10	4.80	10:42	4.30	Newquay	10:03	5.13	10:40	4.95
Dover	3:34	5.56	3:56	5.30	Oban	10:15	3.21	11:19	2.98
Dublin	4:46	3.30	5:14	3.43	Penzance	9:25	4.46	10:07	4.25
Falmouth	9:53	4.14	10:36	3.79	Portland	10:23	1.57	11:24	1.38
Glasgow	5:34	3.73	5.47	4.22	Portsmouth	3:51	4.09	4:03	3.91
Harwich	3:53	3.46	4:31	3.40	Shoreham	3:28	4.89	3:49	4.78
Holyhead	3:09	4.47	3.27	4.58	Southampton	3:28	3.93	3:46	3.81
Hull	10:58	5.75	11:11	5.87	Swansea	10:59	7.36	11:35	7.08
Ilfracombe	10:30	7.19	11:10	6.89	Tees	6:43	4.22	9:01	4.06
King's Lynn	11:01	4.89	11:25	4.83	W'ton-on-Nze	3:54	3.67	4:34	3.66

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.19 am
Sun sets: 4.11 pm
Moon sets 1.12 pm
Moon rises -
Last quarter today

London 4.12 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 4.22 pm to 7.29 am
Edinburgh 4.06 pm to 7.50 am
Manchester 4.13 pm to 7.36 am
Penzance 4.38 pm to 7.36 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15 1995

Setback for European money union

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN FRANKFURT

PLANS to create a European single currency suffered a blow yesterday from the European Monetary Institute and national bank governors who want to see its introduction delayed until 2002.

It is likely that European Union leaders will have to agree the three-and-a-half year delay when they meet in Madrid next week. This is seen as a victory for the German government and Bundesbank, which had opposed plans for a quicker "big bang" start recommended this year by the European Commission. Alexandre Lamfalussy, president of the EMI, forerunner of a European central bank, even suggested that the eventual introduction of new European notes and coins could be even further away. He told a press conference that, while the Maastricht treaty was clear that the three-and-a-half year conversion to the single currency must start in 1999, lawyers might find ways of postponing the deadline. Any question of delay, he said, should be left to legal experts.

The crucial decision on which states will join a monetary union will not be taken until early 1998 and Britain, which can opt out, seems likely to be qualified but unlikely to join. Spain and Italy are almost certain to be excluded. The official European line is holding fast to a timetable which would freeze the exchange rates of countries qualified to join the monetary union on January 1, 1999. But influential voices in Germany and elsewhere have suggested that this deadline would have to be put off either if too few countries meet the strict economic criteria or if France fails to qualify.

Yesterday the German government's Council of Economic Advisers said that only two states currently meet all requirements and that the 1999 date might have to be delayed.

M Lamfalussy would not be drawn on which countries might join a single currency but underlined that without France, such a union would just be a "deutschmark zone".

The report from the EMI bypassed such fundamental questions, concentrating on a technical brief. It said that the technical problems of changing banking systems and cash machines across an unknown number of countries mean that the new currency must be run in over several years.

"The phasing in of the new banknotes cannot be done overnight," said the report, noting that 12 billion banknotes and 70 billion coins circulate in the EU.

From 1999, the report says: "Private economic agents should be free to use the European currency; on the other hand, they should not be obliged to do so before the deadline set for the completion of the changeover."

The report suggests that the final deadline be July 2002, allowing six months for the single currency to be brought in and national currencies taken out of circulation.

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The EU summit in Madrid is expected finally to agree that the new money should be called the "euro", allowing a marketing campaign to start next year.

M Lamfalussy also threw his weight behind a proposal to put currencies that do not join a monetary union into a revamped exchange-rate mechanism. He said that a renewed currency grid would be designed to ensure that EU states outside the single currency could not devalue too far against the inner "core".

M Lamfalussy backed ideas first floated by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, for a "stability pact" between member states using a single currency that would bind governments to keeping down public spending and borrowing. The proposal has also attracted support from France and the Commission.



Alexandre Lamfalussy, EMI president, yesterday said that a single currency without France would be a 'deutschmark zone'

Morton attacks funding drive

BY GEORGE SIVELL

SIR Alastair Morton, the chairman of Eurotunnel and former chairman of the Chancellor's Private Finance Initiative, last night attacked the attempts made so far by the Government to attract private-sector capital into public projects.

He was strongly critical of the operation of the PFI at the time of his resignation in July. He said that "by July a situation resembling a tube of toothpaste had developed. Pressure on the initiation end had produced a bulging of the tube followed by a spurt from time to time as some, but not enough, of the product came out".

Sir Alastair told a City of London audience that the main failing was the absence of an effective operator of public projects. He said: "The operator is central to a Private Finance Initiative project, not the builder or banker.

"The operator must be the client for the construction or procurement, to be financed from operating cash flow to that operator over the life of the contract. Under-capitalised builders cannot take on this role.

"Major firms have not yet established themselves in this business as they have in France. The privatised utilities could be contenders but have a long way to go.

"The Whitehall, Government agency and local authority delivery problem is that the PFI represents a dramatic cultural change. They were client for and owner of the public service and infrastructure but must now be initiator and regulator."

Scotland wins £260m factory contract

Jobs boost for former steel town

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE community that was hit hard hit by the closure of the Ravenscraig steelworks has won Britain's largest inward investment in a deal which will create 3,300 jobs in the electronics industry.

The jobs boost for Lanarkshire was announced by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who said Chunghwa Picture Tube, a subsidairy of Tatung, the Taiwan company, will invest £260 million in a European manufacturing facility a few miles away from the site of the Ravenscraig steelworks, which closed in 1992 with the loss of thousands of jobs.

The site at Mossend, Lanarkshire, won the investment in the face of competition from France and Ireland and the new plant will create more jobs than any other inward UK investment, overshadowing recent investments by Samsung and by Siemens in the North East.

A total of 6,000 jobs could eventually be created in Lanarkshire as a result of this deal as workers in support industries and Chunghwa's suppliers set up bases. The investment was brokered by Locate in Scotland and the Government is believed to have offered grants and financial incentives totalling £80 million to £90 million to secure the investment.

Yesterday Mr Forsyth said the sums involved were large but said the exact amount of money involved was commercially sensitive and would remain confidential.

John Reid, The Labour MP for Motherwell North, said: "This announcement was just what we needed in Lanarkshire in the run-up to Christmas. We have gone through the trauma of steel closures and there is still some way to go in the regeneration of Lanarkshire. But I believe that we can now start looking forward rather than back. Today really does mark a new beginning."

C.Y. Lin, president of Chunghwa, said hi company employed 12,000 people worldwide and had sales of $1 billion.

The 90-acre site has already been cleared and work on the new building will begin in the spring. The factory will produce cathode-ray tubes for computer monitors and televisions and the first phase of the project is expected to come on stream in July 1997 by which time 1,200 people are expected to be employed.

Full production of about 10 million tubes a year will take four years. The initial workers will be trained in Taiwan and Malaysia.

Minister in legal fight with Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MORE than 1,000 Lloyd's names, including Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday began a High Court action in a bid to recover insurance losses nearing £430 million.

Other Tory MPs involved in the legal case brought by the Rose Thomson Young Action Group are Sir Richard Body and David Tredinnick. Mr Lang's presence as a litigant is of particular significance as the Department of Trade and Industry is in charge of regulating Lloyd's. In order to avoid any potential conflict of interest Mr Lang, who is thought to have lost £800,000, delegated the responsibility earlier this year to his junior minister, Anthony Nelson. The losses incurred by the 1,092 names in the Rose Thomson Young syndicate resulted from a string of catastrophes, starting with the explosion on the Piper Alpha oil platform in 1988 and followed by Hurricane Hugo and the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The losses were concentrated on a relatively small percentage of the Lloyd's membership.

The RTY case follows successful court actions bought by thousands of loss-making names in Gooda Walker and Feltrim syndicates and comes as Lloyd's is trying to negotiate a £2.8 billion settlement with all its names.

Merrill woos top aides from rival

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MERRILL LYNCH, the US investment banking giant, has dealt a blow to Deutsche Morgan Grenfell by hiring its two most senior corporate financiers.

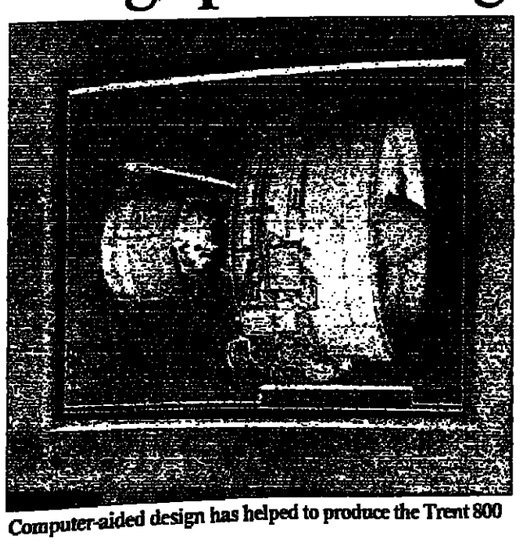
Guy Dawson, head of corporate finance at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, and Justin Dowley, head of UK corporate finance, handed in their notices yesterday.

They will join Merrill as managing directors of corporate finance in the new year. Merrill said that the two highly paid bankers were not moving for more money, adding that they had been attracted by the company's strong position in global equity markets. Mr Dawson has been involved in all Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's big deals lately, including ScottishPower's acquisition of Manweb and Scottish & Newcastle's acquisition of Courage.

Mr Dowley advised Queens Moat Houses on its reconstruction, Seeboard on its sale to Central and South West, and Compass on the purchase of Eurest.

Deutsche has replaced Mr Dawson with a new management committee of corporate finance, chaired by Peter Espenhahn, his former deputy. It has also promoted Rory Macnamara, one of its senior UK corporate finance directors, to head of UK corporate finance.

Singapore Air gives Rolls its record order



Computer-aided design has helped to produce the Trent 800

BY ROSS TIERMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ROLLS-ROYCE has won its largest order, a £1.2 billion contract to supply engines for 61 giant Boeing 777 twin jets ordered yesterday by Singapore Airlines.

In securing the order for the Trent 800, the most powerful engine in the world, Rolls overturned the airline's traditional loyalty to Pratt & Whitney of America, which has hitherto won the lion's share of orders to power the new plane.

An endorsement from Singapore Airlines will help Rolls in the tough battle with Pratt and General Electric to recoup money invested in developing ranges of engines to equip the 777 and its chief rival, the European Airbus A330/A340. Each manufacturer has spent more than $1 billion on development of the planes.

Singapore Airlines has placed firm orders for 28 Boeing 777s and taken options on 33 more. It plans to use Rolls engines on all of them. In addition, the airline's leasing subsidiary has ordered six aircraft and taken options on ten more. It has yet to choose the engines. All of the aircraft are the 300-seat, medium-range version of the new Boeing.

The US$12.7 billion aircraft order is a blow to Airbus Industrie, the European planemaker, in which British Aerospace is a 20 per cent partner. The firm orders for engines and spares will be worth some £600 million to Rolls, which already enjoys a £6.5 billion order book. Excluding options, Rolls now has firm orders to equip 60 Boeing 777s, compared with 81 for Pratt & Whitney and 61 for General Electric.

Analysts will worry that the fierce competition for sales is forcing manufacturers to sell engines cheaply now, in the hope of making a profit later from spare parts, however.

The order coincided with an agreement for EDS to supply all computing needs of Rolls-Royce Aerospace Group under a ten-year partnership in which efficiency savings will be shared.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3547.9	(+11.1)
Yield	4.02%	
FT-SE A All share	1741.55	(+4.63)
Nikkei	17802.51	(+13.05)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4886.26	(+13.36)*
S&P Composite	591.71	(-0.59)*

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Federal Funds	5 11/16%*	(5 11/16%)
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Yield	6.29%*	(6.28%)

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3-mth Interbank	6 3/4%	(6 11/16%)
Lifte long gilt future (Dec)	107 13/16	(107 1/32)

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FFr	7.8025	(7.8040)
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Yen	158.54	(157.90)
£ Index	83.3	(83.3)

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$ Index	93.1	(93.2)

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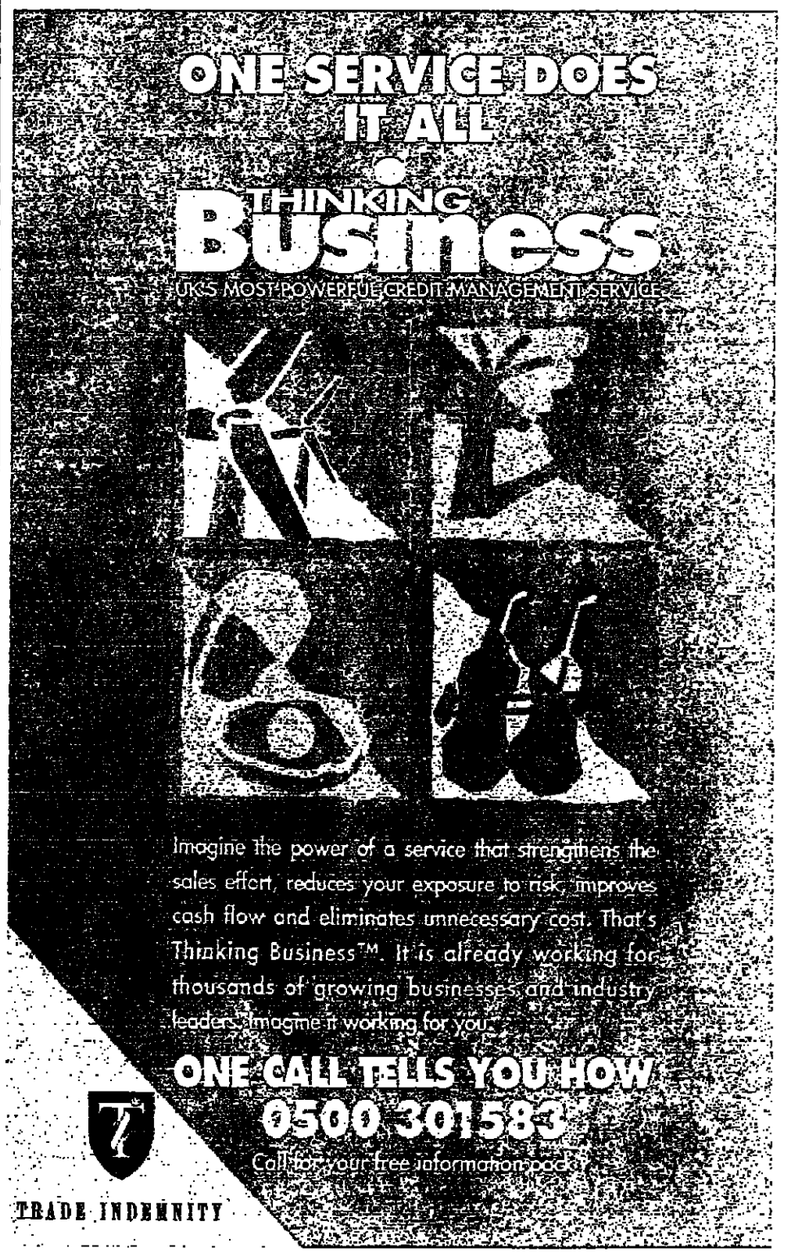
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Bubbling

Strong growth in the developing industrial countries of Asia and South America fortified the gases business of BOC. Its pre-tax profit for the year ending September 30 climbed to £402.2 million (£253.1 million).
Report 27, Tempus 28

Windswept

Caribbean hurricanes, subsidence claims and increasing competition in the insurance market has led General Accident to report lower than expected pre-tax profits for the first nine months to September 30. GA's worldwide underwriting loss rose from £3 million last year to £51.6 million.
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THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM

Government taken to task over transport policy

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE current levels of infrastructure spending in Britain are below those of the rest of Europe, Robert Napier, the chairman of the CBI's transport committee, said yesterday.

Mr Napier, chief executive of Redland, the building products group, said that the Government had "taken no lead whatsoever" in transport policy and left industry to compete with overseas rivals while hampered by an inadequate infrastructure.

He told the conference that the West Coast Main Line, the spine of the British railway network, was a "national disgrace". The Government, he said, must reverse the cuts in the road programme for motorway widening, maintenance, and bypasses.

His criticisms, which earned hearty approval from delegates, were particularly targeted at the Government's decision to cut road spending without waiting for the outcome of the "great transport debate" launched by Brian Mawhinney when he was Transport Secretary.

Mr Napier also focused his fury on the Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI), which has caused a hiatus in the modernisation of roads, railways and other facilities while the willingness of the private sector to fund them is explored.

The PFI had failed to deliver so far, Mr Napier said. "The PFI certainly won't compensate for the reduction in central government funding."

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, later defended the Government's record. "The Government's transport policy has been one of major road expansion," he said. "We have an integrated transport policy that operates effectively, involving road, rail, air and ports. If you look at all four components, you will find that massive advances have been made in recent years."

But the long-standing concern of business at the shortcomings in Britain's transport system will soon return to the agenda. Next month, the CBI will publish its proposals for a programme of construction to modernise Britain's transport links.

Giving delegates a foretaste of the conclusions yesterday, Mr Napier said that Britain needed to spend an additional £2 billion a year to bring roads, railways, ports and other links up to the standard of our main European rivals. Extra spending was unavoidable, he said. "If the Government's objective is to raise the standard of living of the nation, this requires growth which leads to more transport."

But Mr Napier said that more roads were not the whole solution. Policies must take account of the environment and focus on the appropriate solutions for particular problems. Investment must also be made in "urban rail programmes, and locally tailored solutions to meeting congestion problems."

Mr Napier said that business, had a role to play. Companies should review the way they used transport links and seek to make their operations more efficient.

He said that better route planning, for example, could result in fewer lorry journeys, reducing congestion, fuel consumption, pollution and costs.



Ian Lang emphasised the need for flexible labour markets

Lang says job worries only a 'state of mind'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB INSECURITY is only a "state of mind", Ian Lang, president of the board of trade, said yesterday. Speaking ahead of today's government announcement of October's unemployment figures, which will show the seasonally-adjusted number of people out of work and claiming benefit still greater than 2.2 million, Mr Lang took employment specialists by surprise by insisting there was no such thing as job insecurity.

Poll evidence suggests that fears about job security are widespread and a principal reason behind the lack of the so-called "feel-good factor", and, in particular, are a key reason behind stagnation in the housing market.

Mr Lang, stressing the economic importance of flexible labour markets, denied that job insecurity was real. He told business journalists before speaking to the CBI conference: "What I am saying is that job insecurity is a state of mind. The reality is, by creating a flexible labour market we have actually been creating more jobs."

More people were now in work in Britain than in any comparable European country, he said. Half a million jobs had been created since the end of the recession — 300,000 in the last year alone.

He told the conference: "A flexible labour market is the cornerstone to economic success. It is vital if industry is to be able to respond quickly and effectively to the changing competitive challenge."

Speaking shortly before Mr Lang, John Hougham, chairman of Acas, the independent conciliation service, applauded the relative absence of industrial action. But, looking below the surface of the low strike figures showed "one reason for the fall in direct action has been the economic reality and fear of job losses rather than an apparent improvement in communications and relationships at work.

'Tourism jobs would go under Labour'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY yesterday launched an all-out attack on the European social chapter and Labour's proposed minimum wage, claiming they would cost up to 1.8 million jobs.

Closing the CBI's first debate on the tourism industry, the National Heritage Secretary implicitly challenged the employers' organisation to take a firmer stand against the two key planks of Labour employment policy.

Tourism had created 90,000 jobs in the past decade, a 21 per cent increase, Mrs Bottomley said. "When the tourist industry is seeking to recapture market share, the social chapter, as sure as night follows day, would reduce that share and give our jobs away."

A minimum wage would be a "cruel deception of the young, the unskilled and the unemployed", who found work and learnt skills in Britain's hotels and holiday centres, she said. It would cost industry up to £2 billion a year.

Earlier, Sir John Egan, the chief executive of BAA, and chairman of the CBI's Tourism Action Group, blamed a lack of vision for the failure of tourism to create many more jobs in Britain.

If tourism in Britain had matched the 8 per cent growth rate achieved world-wide, he said, it would have created 150,000 more jobs than it had since 1980 and brought in £8 billion more in revenues.

But because Britain had "failed collectively to take tourism seriously enough", the industry had grown by only 6 per cent a year. Even so, it accounts for 5 per cent of United Kingdom GDP, generates £36 billion a year of revenue and provides 1.5 million jobs, 7 per cent of the nation's total.

Business must beware Blair's hidden agenda



Kalms: 'Blair's smokescreen'

BY STANLEY KALMS

TONY BLAIR'S speech to the CBI gave him another opportunity to discuss Labour's business policies. It was full of wonderful words, but I do find myself astonished that it was received with so little incredulity from business leaders, who seemed lulled into a dangerous complacency.

Having considered carefully his every word, I can now put down my marker. I simply do not believe he says what he means, and the credibility gap grows.

The arguments are inconsistent with a socialist party — albeit renamed. The figures do not add up without massive increases in taxation. His compatriots, however camouflaged, are the same people who have spent their lives denigrating profits and business success.

The speech was used as another opportunity to reaffirm Labour's commitment to a minimum wage and the Social Chapter. His speech finished with applause. But how can British industrialists applaud this?

The CBI has estimated that the minimum wage will cost British industry £4.5 billion and thousands of jobs. The Social Chapter would open the door to the imposition of a wide range of employment regulations that would again undermine Britain's ability to compete in world markets and destroy thousands of jobs. Mr Blair tried to create a smokescreen by saying that each piece of legislation under the Social Chapter "will be judged on its merits". But CBI members must know that the Social Chapter would allow measures we do not want to be imposed on Britain, regardless of the views of the British Government.

Why did the CBI allow him to get away with this? Does it no longer believe in its policy documents, or see the damage Labour's policies would bring? Isn't it time it told Labour to drop its support for the minimum wage and the Social Chapter?

Who was looking through this smokescreen and asking the hard questions? How can Labour promise to reverse every tough decision the Government takes to promote efficiency in public services and contain public spending — and then ask us to believe they won't put up taxes, blow up the PSBR, and unleash new inflationary pressures? A need of business is to occasionally sup with the devil. But we should take great care with this one — with his low level of resistance to European regulation, his broad acceptance of the Social Chapter, and his need for high taxation. Business must fight its corner because ingratiation is no antidote to the reality of Labour's hidden agenda.

The author is chairman of Dixons

Cobham buys Westwind

COBHAM is expanding outside its core aerospace and defence markets through the acquisition of Westwind Air Bearings, which makes air bearing spindles used in machines and machine tools (Philip Pangalos writes).

The aerospace engineering and specialist air services group, formerly FR Group, will fund £57.8 million of the purchase price through the issue of 15.4 million new shares.

Cobham is making a placing and open offer on a one-for-five basis, at 375p a share. The balance will be paid in loan notes and cash, with Cobham's gearing expected to rise to about 30 per cent.

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	£50,000 and OVER	6.50	4.88
Instant Premium	£500 - £4,999	4.10	3.08
	£5,000 - £9,999	4.40	3.30
	£10,000 - £24,999	4.90	3.68
	£25,000 and OVER	5.30	3.98
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	£5,000 - £9,999	4.40	3.30
	£10,000 - £24,999	4.90	3.68
	£25,000 and OVER	5.30	3.98
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Premium Shares		4.10	3.08
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	£5,000 and OVER	4.00	3.00
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Where Castles In The Air Take Shape

Part-timers battle for past pension rights

BY SARA MCCONNELL

SIXTY THOUSAND part-time workers today start a battle to win backdated pension rights potentially worth £95 million. If they succeed, hundreds of thousands more part-timers could apply to join their employer's pension scheme. This could cost employers up to £10 billion.

An industrial tribunal in Birmingham is to hear ten test cases from part-timers around the country who have been denied membership of occupational pension schemes. The cases have been chosen from 60,000 claims lodged after a European Court of Justice ruling in September last year that employers excluding part-timers — the majority of whom are women — from pension schemes could be guilty of indirect sex discrimination. Britain's six million part-time workers should have the right to join an employer's pension scheme and receive backdated benefits if they can prove indirect sex discrimination, the court said.



Monks: co-ordinating claims

The test cases include teachers and lecturers, bank workers and a health service employee. They are being co-ordinated by the TUC and will test key legal points.

Most importantly, the tribunal will rule on how far back part-timers can take their claims. The European Court set no limit on backdating. Technically, benefits could be backdated to April 1976, the date of an earlier court judgment. But the Government announced earlier this year that it would be using the Equal Pay Act 1970 to limit retrospective claims to two years.

The TUC is challenging this, saying there are grounds for allowing claims back to 1976. It is also seeking to establish what time limits will be allowed for claims. Under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, claims can be lodged up to six months after the discrimination occurred or after the law changed. By this yardstick, part-timers had until the end of March this year to put in a claim to the industrial tribunal.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said: "The Government and employers must wake up to the fact that part-time workers deserve to be treated the same as full-timers."

World trade set for 8% growth

WORLD trade is set to grow 8 per cent, or nearly triple the pace of output this year, providing more evidence that global economic integration continues apace, according to the World Trade Organisation (Colin Narbrough writes).

In its first annual report since it took over in January from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) as the free trade watchdog, the WTO noted, however, that trade growth this year represented a slowdown from last year's 9.5 per cent and that further deceleration is foreseen next year.

Even so, the the World Trade Organisation, which is headed by Renato Ruggiero, regards the latest data as confirmation of the pattern evident since 1990 in which trade growth exceeds output growth by a much wider margin than in previous decades.

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Building societies bonanza tops £11bn

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

NEARLY a third of the population will share more than £11 billion in the building society merger and conversion bonanza involving National & Provincial and the Halifax, according to a survey.

This is the sum likely to be distributed over a two-year period to the 12.6 million qualifying savers and borrowers. The N&P is being taken over by Abbey National; the Halifax, now merged with the Leeds, is to seek a stock-market flotation in 1997.

The survey by Nikko Europe, the securities house, says lack of confidence over the economy means that about two thirds (£7 billion), of the windfall will be saved rather than spent. This implies that about £4 billion will be injected into the economy, equivalent to the expected tax cuts in this month's Budget.

About half of the spending will be with holiday companies, clothing and footwear retailers and home improvements outlets, the survey says.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.05
Austria Sch	16.53	15.03
Belgium Fr	48.36	44.06
Canada $	2.207	2.047
Cyprus Cypf	0.744	0.689
Denmark Kr	9.17	8.37
Finland Mkk	7.19	6.54
France Fr	8.03	7.38
Germany Dm	2.37	2.16
Greece Dr	381.19	356.19
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.66
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.0900	4.4400
Italy Lira	2585.00	2430.00
Japan Yen	172.57	156.57
Malta	0.588	0.534
Netherlds Gld	2.625	2.395
New Zealand $	2.53	2.31
Norway Kr	10.32	9.52
Portugal Esc	243.50	225.00
S Africa Rd	ret.	5.33
Spain Pta	197.00	184.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.20
Switzerland Fr	1.91	1.73
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USA $	1.652	1.522

Rates for small denomination bank notes from Barclays Bank PLC.

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☐ Sober bankers hold EMU reins ☐ Reasons behind a marriage of markets ☐ British engine maker's victory roll

Euro note of caution

☐ IS EUROPE'S planned single currency suffering a death by a thousand cuts? The plan to lock the exchange rates of several EU states in 1999 and to issue notes and coins called "euros" three and a half years later does, strictly speaking, leave the Maastricht Treaty calendar intact — but only just.

The optimistic architects of monetary union had allowed for slippage back to 1999 and always accepted that the undertaking of converting the cash and banking systems of a large chunk of northern Europe would take time.

But yesterday's report from the European Monetary Institute (EMI) disappointed the Euro-enthusiasts. Those they once feted as visionaries, such as Jacques Delors, have departed and been replaced by the careful technicians such as Baron Alexandre Lamfalussy, the twinkling-eyed boss of the institute.

The baron is a man of deft charm but a cautious central banker to his very core. With Hans Tietmeyer of the Bundesbank cruising the continent on a mission to destroy signs of financial laxity and sloppy thinking, prudence and precision are the virtues of the hour. Without a clear idea of which happy few states will actually make up the single currency, Lamfalussy has rather a lot to be cautious about.

Yesterday, the EMI president did not close the door to the idea, radical in Euro-enthusiast circles, that even that 1999 date for locking exchange rates might have to be postponed. When he described monetary union as a "unique exercise in economic history . . . in uncharted waters", he did not sound like a man much fired up by the thought.

Baron Lamfalussy instead sounded wary about the depth of those waters and the time it might take before your average Euro punter is actually handling folding euro notes. At the very best, that date is just under seven years away.

To rub salt in recent wounds, Germany's five Wise Men yesterday sang what is becoming a familar refrain. If a critical mass of states jump into monetary union on schedule in 1999, then the rules will have to be bent and huge risks run.

But if everybody sticks to the rules, only a handful of states may qualify — which will rob the single currency of its political pulling power. Never forget that monetary union is a political idea above all. The arguments in favour look feebler by the day, and the economic ones among them are the weakest of all.

Yesterday did throw up one crumb of comfort for Euro-sceptics. In the planned design of the new note, a small square has been set aside for a display by each country of a national symbol. There is some corner of a foreign euro that will be forever England . . ..



LIFFE's what you make it

☐ WHICH abstruse commodity freely traded in London has fallen in value by more than 40 per cent over the past year? The answer is not potato futures, Chilean chardonnay or Albanian bund options, but "A" shares in LIFFE, which provide access to all the financial instruments traded on that market.

The shares are freely traded and their decline in value to £140,000 bid at present is one sign why the merger between LIFFE and the London Commodity Exchange looks a defensive one.

The link is first and foremost defensive because it shuts out the foreigners, in the shape of the New York's Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, which has stalked the LCE for three years. But the marriage, to become a *ménage-a-trois* if it is joined by the International Petroleum Exchange in due course, offers cost savings for two markets that have not been going through the best of times this year, and where one or two big players are questioning the need for a presence in London.

LIFFE has been chuntering for a year or more about the need to relocate from its Cannon Bridge trading floor to more spacious premises, even if the actual volumes going through the market may not necessarily warrant such a move. FTSE futures contracts, for example, were averaging about 60,000 a week this time last year, but they are down to 47,000 now. Total volumes across the market have fallen by 10 per cent over the same period.

Behind these falls are, inevitably, the Barings effect and a bond market considerably less exciting than it was last year. LIFFE is close to taking on another 20,000 sq ft of space, into which some LCE operations could be moved. But the move to the dreamt-of 100,000 sq ft, and a trading floor that can compete in size with the likes of Chicago, is going to have to wait until business picks up.

Rolls powers ahead of pack

☐ THE timing of Rolls-Royce's £1.2 billion Singapore Airlines order is piquant, coming in the same week that arch-rival General Electric delivered its first engines to British Airways two months late and was fined £1 million or so for its tardiness.

But the order is far more important than that, confirming the British producer at the forefront of aero-engine production and well able to beat strong American competition.

BA and Rolls fell out famously in 1991, when, in return for taking the airline's South Wales engine reconditioning plant, General Electric was allowed to supply the GE90 to BA's Boeing jets for the first time, breaking into what had been Rolls' traditional territory. The GE90, Rolls' own Trent 800 and Pratt & Whitney's PW4000 are the three titans slugging it out on the world big engine market, itself worth up to half all orders for aero engines, and there is little to choose between them on endurance, reliability or spares availability.

Rolls, which had been trailing badly, now has 30 per cent of that market, on a par with GE and not far behind Pratt & Whitney. One might question the margins that Rolls-Royce has accepted to land such a plum contract. But the choice by the world's most profitable airline must augur well for forthcoming business from South Africa or China.

Lang and short of it

☐ AFTER the Deputy Prime Minister took a chunk of Ian Lang's portfolio away when he absconded to the Cabinet Office in July, his successor as President of the Board of Trade was kind enough yesterday to do one job Mr Heseltine ought to have done. Tony Blair's honeyed words to the CBI demanded a proper reply, which came courtesy of Mr Lang's robust performance rather than Mr Heseltine's worthy ramblings about competitiveness.

Record profit for Fenner

Fenner, the industrial products group, announced record profits for the year to June 30 of £13.1 million, up 60 per cent. But it said demand could flatten next year.

Fenner successfully competeted a one-for-three rights issue at 120p per share in September. The share price dropped 7p to 148p. The dividend tripled to 4.5p, to be paid on January 15.

First final

Asset Management Investment kicked off its maiden year-end period with a final dividend of 0.593p. Pre-tax profits for the company, which floated on December 1, were £63,251 for the ten months to September 30.

Asia and South America help boost BOC profits

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

STRONG growth in the developing industrial countries of Asia and South America fortified the gases business of BOC, which supplies gas to steel producers and other manufacturers.

BOC, which has invested substantially in the US and South America in an effort to reduce its vulnerability to slower growth regions such as the UK and Europe, increased its operating profit in gases 13 per cent to £374.2 million.

The company, which began restructuring its operations two years ago, has consolidated its position in the US with long-term contracts and take-or-pay deals with customers.

Another of BOC's successes with its industrial gases has been to win a high number of orders from new semiconductor plants, which are enjoying strong growth on the back of the telecommunications boom. BOC produces a special mixture of high purity gases to operate in such plants.

In BOC's other division of healthcare, operating profit rose 8 per cent to £59.8 million on sales that fell by the same percentage after the company's disposal of Medical Engineering Systems at the end of the previous year.

The group's pre-tax profit for the year ending September 30 climbed to £402.2 million from £253.1 million, although dismissing last year's exceptional charge, the pre-tax line showed a less dramatic rise of 13 per cent. The dividend, which is always announced for the year ahead, was raised for 1996 to 27p from 23.2p.

The company was upbeat about its prospects. Pat Dyer, chief executive, said the group was "entering the new financial year in better shape than ever before, with sound business and regional portfolios, competitive products and technologies, and plenty of opportunities for profitable growth".

The semiconductor boom has also bouyed the group's vacuum technology and distribution services division, which saw operating profit rise 38 per cent to £70.5 million on sales that had increased 36 per cent to £592.5 million.

The group said that while profits from distribution were similar to the previous year, the vacuum technology business had won a high share of orders for semiconductor pumping applications. The company forecast continued strong demand from the semiconductor industry in the medium term and said that it had widened its customer base as the industry developed globally.

Its production of dry pumps, which are used in the electronics and chemicals industries, was more than doubled to meet the increased demand.

Sedgwick cautious

SEDGWICK GROUP, the London-listed insurance broker, said it remained cautious about conditions in the industry as it unveiled a £2.2 million drop in nine-month pre-tax profits to £76.5 million (Marianne Curphey writes).

Despite a fall in rates worldwide, brokerage and fees in European and US retail businesses grew — in Europe by 7 per cent and in the US by 1 per cent. Overall, revenue rose 1 per cent to £692 million for the three quarters to September 30.

Earnings per share were 10.2p (9.1p).

The group said yesterday it expected to maintain the final dividend at the 1994 level but would pay it as a foreign income dividend. The dividend will be 4.375p (3.5p).

Arjo Wiggins price hit by warning

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

RESTRUCTURING costs of £100 million and a warning that destocking was exceeding expectations yesterday knocked 11½p from the share price of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper group. The shares closed at 194½p.

The company, which had indicated in its interim results that second-half performance would be disappointing, said that the announcement of a shake-up in its European operations was now being brought forward and was expected to cost more than £100 million over the next few years.

The figure would be eaten up in provisions and write-offs as Arjo reviews the capacity and efficiency of its European operations. It said that capacity utilisation in its European plants had deteriorated significantly.

The company said that destocking by its customers, many of which had bought heavily as the paper cycle had started to peak, was proving more prolonged than it had anticipated.

It said: "The severity of the current phase of destocking is causing considerable uncertainty and it is too early to say when progress will resume."

Arjo said that the pre-tax profits for this year could be materially lower than those of 1994, before taking into account the substantial provisions that it outlined yesterday. However, it described the market growth of last year, when paper prices were hitting their peak, as unsustainable.



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Rolls-Royce takes off on £1.2bn record order

NEWS of a huge £1.2 billion aero engines order provided a further boost for **Rolls-Royce**, allowing shares in the aero engines group to fly higher as it won its biggest ever order.

Rolls-Royce, fresh from Monday's relatively modest £100 million engine contract with Gulf Air, was the most actively traded stock among leaders, advancing 11½p to 172½p, on heavy volume of 26.5 million shares. This followed news that Rolls-Royce is set for a £1.2 billion boost after Singapore Airlines ordered up to 77 new Boeing B-777 aircraft in a deal worth $12.7 billion. Rolls-Royce's Trent 800 engines are set to power 61 of the aircraft. However, the deal is a blow to **British Aerospace**, the UK partner of rival bidder Airbus. BAe firmed 1p to 730p.

Meanwhile, shares traded in a narrow range as investors remained on the sidelines ahead of a raft of economic statistics due today, including retail sales and unemployment figures as well as the minutes of the monthy meeting between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Governor of the Bank of England.

The FT-SE 100 index remained in positive territory for most of the day, ending near its best levels as late London trading was bolstered by another positive start on Wall Street in spite of the ongoing US budget crisis facing President Clinton. The FT-SE 100 closed 11.1 points higher at 3,547.9. Volume reached 761 million shares.

A warning from **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** that profits would be materially lower than last year saw shares in the Anglo-French paper group slide to 178p before partly recovering to end at 194½p, down 11½p, on volume of 5.96 million shares.

Arjo's warning, which includes restructuring provisions of more than £100 million, saw analysts cut their pre-tax profit forecasts from about £250 million to nearer £185 million, before the £100 million restructuring charge. BZW trimmed its forecast to £195 million, compared with 1994's profit of £217.1 million. Elsewhere, **Bunzl** eased 2p to 196p.

The insurance sector was unsettled after third quarter profits from **General Accident**, down 7p to 629p, were blown off course by hurricane losses and high domestic claims for subsidence, prompting some profit downgradings. Elsewhere in the sector, **Commercial Union** dipped 8p to 598p ahead of third-quarter figures today. Credit Lyonnais Laing expects CU's nine-month pre-tax profits to rise to £402 million (£327 million), before an anticipated one-off £12 million loss.

But analysts moved to upgrade their estimates for **BOC Group**, up 12p to 876p, after the industrial gases to healthcare concern pleased the market with record final pre-tax profits of £402 million, up 13 per cent, and upbeat noises on prospects. Philip Morrish at Merrill Lynch has raised his current-year forecast by £10 million to £450 million and continues to advise clients to buy the shares.



Gordon Page and Giles Irwin of Cobham, which is expanding

Shares in **On Demand Information** were a star performer, rising 27p to 104p, up 35 per cent, after the electronic publishing company signed a distribution deal with BT, expected to lift sales by £20 million over four years.

But shares in **Geest** slid 32p to 107p after the group warned that profits would be substantially below City forecasts, largely due to a 30 per cent fall in banana prices throughout Northern Europe in October.

British Airways dipped 3½p to 462½p following the decision by United Airlines of the US not to launch a bid for USAir. BA's US partner in which it has a near 25 per cent stake. The news brough renewed fears in the Square Mile that BA may be forced to help to rescue USAir if it is unable to cut costs and continues to lose market share.

The market gave a positive response to news that **Cobham**, the aerospace engineering and specialist air services group formerly known as FR Group, is expanding outside its core markets. The shares jumped 31p to 432p after Cobham unveiled plans to buy Westwind Air Bearings, a maker of air bearing spindles, for £75 million in new shares, cash and loan notes.

Cadbury-Schweppes, which issued $200 million of loan notes, firmed 5½p to 540p, boosted by expected benefits from the company's involvement in the National Lottery and continued market rumours about a possible bid for the company from **Unilever**, unchanged at £12.21.

Shares in **Cortecs International** climbed another 29p to 160p, for a two-day gain of 44p, after the biotech company said it was encouraged by preliminary results of some of its drugs.

Sears fell 3p to 101p, depressed by negative noises from SBC Warburg, while **Vodafone** lost 6½p to 251½p, on volume of 21 million shares, on talk of an impending rights issue. But **National Westminster** added 12p to 665p after a UBS buy note, and **Forte** gained 5p to 253p, bolstered by reports a recommendation from Lehman Brothers after a US visit.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The market remained in mildly positive mood, with the bullish sentiment bolstered by renewed talk about a possible cut in interest rates.

Weaker than expected US retail sales numbers provided a spike around lunchtime, pushing the December long gilt future to a high of £108³/₃₂, before softer US bonds saw it drift back to close at £107²⁶/₃₂, up five ticks, on volume of 39,000 contracts traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts rose by about £⅛, while gains extended to £³/₁₆ for longer-dated issues. Index-linked issues also rose by about £³/₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street moved higher in morning trading, but the broader market and technology shares languished on uncertainty about the economy and prompted a flight to quality. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.36 points at 4,886.26.

TELEMETRIX, the specialist electronic components group, rose 13p, to 157p, after buy recommendation from Mike Styles at Credit Lyonnais Laing. CLL says the shares are good value, given that the recovery at GTI, the group's 57 per cent-owned US subsidiary, is set to continue.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4886.26 (+13.36)
S&P Composite 591.71 (-0.59)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 17802.51 (+13.05)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9407.37 (+22.15)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 458.82 (+1.41)

Sydney:
AO 2124.6 (+1.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2197.29 (+22.01)

Singapore:
Straits 2067.00 (+3.10)

Brussels:
General 7792.79 (-1.51)

Paris:
CAC-40 1838.21 (-0.03)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 695.10 (-0.40)

London:
FT 30 2604.2 (+15.9)
FT 100 3547.9 (+11.1)
FT-SE Mid 250 3905.3 (+8.0)
FT-SE-A 350 1764.3 (+5.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1414.40 (+3.05)
FT A All-Share 1741.55 (+4.63)
FT Non Financials 1844.47 (+4.84)
FT Fixed Interest 112.76 (+0.18)
FT Govt Secs 94.35 (+0.28)
Bargains 28808
SEAQ Volume 760.7m
USM (Datastrm) 187.53 (+1.14)
US$ 1.5645 (+0.0060)
German Mark 2.2122 (-0.0009)
Exchange Index 83.3 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.1789
£:SDR 1.0443
RPI 150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Sml Cos Wts	32½	...
Alpha Omikron	22	+ 1
Arlon Props	9	...
BZW Eqts Tesco Elts	293	+ 2
Baronsmd VCT (100)	95	...
Benfield & Rea	101	...
Chartwell Intl	60	+ 8
Creos Intl	124	- 13
David Glass (60)	70	...
Entrprse Inns (145)	146	- 4
Guinness Flight	91	+ 1
Guinness Flight U	191	...
Guinness Flight W	10	...
Heritage Baths (125)	153	...
Indpt Radio	112	- 2
Intl Greetings	513	...
MultiMedia (45)	63	+ 1
Northern Venture	97	...
Perp UK Sml C (100)	99	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Quality SP n/p (535)	107	...
Rhino Group n/p (8)	5	+ ½
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	10	...
Superscape n/p (330)	85	- 20
Wellington U n/p (100)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cortecs	160p (+29p)
Telemetrix	157p (+13p)
Holders Tech	131p (-10p)
Forward Gp	640p (+30p)
BICC	262p (+11p)
Carrs Milling	313p (+13p)
Booker	362p (+11p)
Unigate	425p (+9p)
Matthew Clark	677p (+13p)
Greenalls Grp	522p (+10p)

FALLS:

Geest	107p (-32p)
BTP	251p (-10p)
Wembley	289p (-9p)
FII	425p (-10p)
Bluebird Toys	351p (-8p)
WH Smith	406p (-9p)
Sothebys	908p (-12p)
Com Union	598p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

BOC steps on the gas

BOC's enlightening habit of declaring dividends a year in advance leaves investors sitting on a chunky prospective yield of 3.85 per cent at yesterday's closing price, itself inflated by better than expected results from the industrial gas group. BOC is also laying down other challenges to traditionally cyclical businesses, such as chemicals and steel.

The group benefited from a switch of concentration from Europe to the US and from a bolstering of its main industrial gases division. BOC invested £44 million in new plant in the US during the summer, and has tied up long-term deals with US Steel, and others, to buy its gases. While fears persist that steel is about to experience a cyclical dip, most of BOC's arrangements in the US are of substantial duration and are on a take-or-pay basis. Such locked-in deals are continuing to add to the robustness of its industrial gases.

BOC has also been active in South America, taking a 40 per cent stake in Indura, the Chilean gas producer. While BOC sold out of Brazil in the 1980s, as it raced against a highly competitive market, Chile is a more promising proposition with the stake in Indura offering the company far more exposure.

In its global ranging BOC is following the pattern of many companies that have been traditionally dependent on economic cycles and is seeking to straddle those cycles, bouncing from one region's dip to another's upturn.

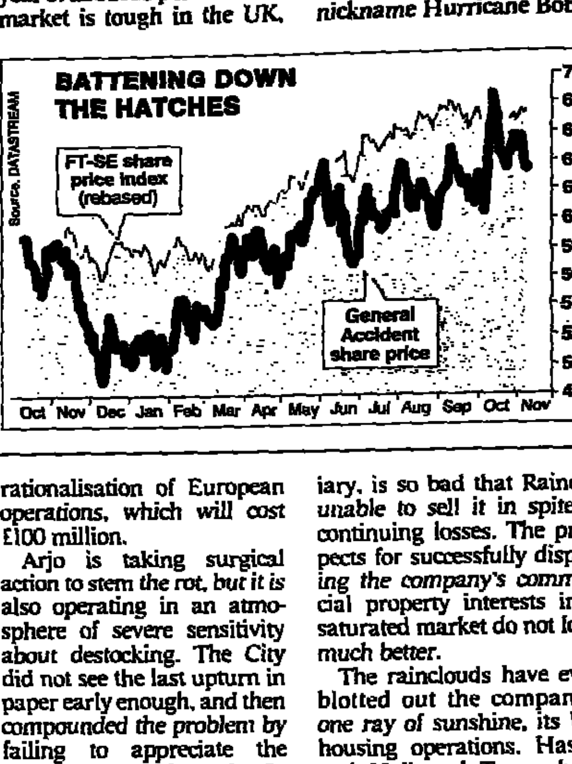
With South America and Asia showing such an immense appetite for industrial development, the returns are likely to run for some time, even if the capital outlay could be substantial.

General Accident

THE worst hurricanes in the Caribbean and United States for 30 years have taken insurance companies by surprise. So, too, have hailstorms in Canada, winds in Puerto Rico and hot weather in the UK. Just as British Rail famously blamed the "wrong type of snow" for winter operating difficulties, so Britain's insurers have been suffering from the wrong type of weather. In worldwide risk terms, storms in the first quarter are always expected to wreak devastation, but the third quarter should be milder. Royal Insurance and now General Accident have suffered unexpected losses running into tens of millions of pounds.

In these circumstances, GA's third-quarter results are better than might be expected. Heavy losses can be put down to one-off catastrophes rather than mismanagement. Even if profits dip again next year, the company is unlikely to spiral down into unmanageable losses. GA's solvency margin has risen to 70 per cent from a low point last year of about 50 per cent. The market is tough in the UK, but growth in New Zealand and Asia looks promising. North American losses are falling.

Come the new year, Bob Scott, the current deputy chief executive, takes the group chief executive's chair in place of Nelson Robertson, who is retiring. He has already earned himself the nickname Hurricane Bob.



Arjo Wiggins

JUST as sure as pride goes before a fall, so does destocking. Offloading by customers who bought in a frenzy at the peak of a cyclical industry's orbit is obviously a sign that they are no longer concerned that costs will escalate. Their retrenching serves to tip the cycle down.

The chemicals industry is presently standing on the brink along with paper and packaging. The only debate is the depth of the abyss they face.

Companies look down and invariably declare it a small drop or a temporary decline that will soon rise again. Analysts more often fear a deeper plunge.

Arjo Wiggins yesterday said that destocking by its customers was continuing longer than it had expected. Furthermore, it said the severity of the current phase of destocking was causing considerable uncertainty. This is grim news indeed, as is the rationalisation of European operations, which will cost £100 million.

Arjo is taking surgical action to stem the rot, but it is also operating in an atmosphere of severe sensitivity about destocking. The City did not see the last upturn in paper early enough, and then compounded the problem by failing to appreciate the heights it would reach. So analysts are minded to be extra vigilant for a downturn and call it sooner rather than later.

Raine

SHAREHOLDERS in Raine, the building company, must suspect that they are caught in an endless downpour. No sooner had the company unveiled losses of £102 million yesterday, than Roy Barber, the chairman, was forecasting a gloomy future for the company's homebuilding units.

The outlook for West Venture, its Californian subsidiary, is so bad that Raine is unable to sell it in spite of continuing losses. The prospects for successfully disposing the company's commercial property interests in a saturated market do not look much better.

The rainclouds have even blotted out the company's one ray of sunshine, its UK housing operations. Hassal and Hall and Tawse have consistently performed well in the soggy UK housing market of the past few years. But yesterday Raine made it clear that it expects a 25 per cent drop in completion rates over the first six months of the year, and that it could not see any fair weather until 1997 at the earliest.

The one hope for shareholders would be for the company to find a buyer for its only saleable assets. But with the rest of the sector in the doldrums, the chances seem slim.

Shareholders should heed the storm warning and seek shelter elsewhere.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	930-929	Mar	1043-1041
Mar	966-964	May	1055-1054
May	982-981	Jul	unq
Jul	1000-998	Sep	—
Sep	1018-1017		
Dec	1033-1030		Volume: 4788

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2490-2487	Jul	2110-2105
Jan	2325-2323	Sep	2080-2050
Mar	2240-2239	Nov	2050-2000
May	2166-2163		Volume: 6432

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	321.7-20.3
Spot: 381.5		Oct	293.4-92.0
Dec	377.9-75.0	Dec	287.6-86.1
Mar	339.9-39.1	Mar	285.4-84.0
May	329.9-29.0		Volume: 1772

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	100.82	110.31	126.21
(+/-)	-0.20	+0.65	-1.43
Eng/Wales:	101.04	110.58	125.94
(+/-)	-0.12	+0.76	-1.61
(%)	-1.0	-4.0	-31.0
Scotland:	94.78	109.06	129.69
(+/-)	-1.36	+0.06	+0.87
(%)	+23.0	-8.0	-30.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.55	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.60	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.35	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.80	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.55	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 184 (-3)	O: 186 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	155 (-1)	156 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	155 (-2)	156 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	156 (-2)	157 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (-1)	86 (n/c)
Naphtha	148 (-4)	150 (-4)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	152.25-52.50	Mar	151.00-51.25
Jan	152.75-53.00	Apr	149.75-50.00
Feb	152.25-52.50		Vol: 14014

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.61-16.63	Mar	16.02-16.05
Jan	16.34-16.35	Apr	15.90 BID
Feb	16.18 SLR		Vol: 25788

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	127.15	Nov	118.50
Jan	128.25	Jan	120.25
Mar	130.25	Mar	122.25
May	132.25	May	124.90
Jul	134.10	Sep	112.50
Volume: 628		Volume: 43	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	285.0	282.3
May	unq	335.0
		Volume: 43

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 111.50-112.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1810	1740	1760
Dec 95	1820	1735	1739
Jan 96	1790	1700	1710
Apr 96	1740	1700	1700
Vol: 469 lots		Open interest: 3987	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3029.0-3030.0	2810.0-2812.0	Vol: 2547425
Lead ($/tonne)	687.00-688.00	685.00-686.00	194425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1018.0-1019.0	1040.0-1041.0	972450
Tin ($/tonne)	6360.0-6365.0	6400.0-6405.0	38385
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1628.5-1629.0	1666.5-1667.0	2418100
Nickel ($/tonne)	8480.0-8485.0	8580.0-8590.0	73290

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	460	34½	41½	45½	7½	11	18½
(*490½)	500	11½	20	24½	27½	31	38½
Argyll	300	16½	25	29	9	13½	19
(*308)	330	5½	12	15	28	31	36½
ASDA	90	11½	13	15½	1½	2½	4
(*99)	100	5	7½	10	5	6½	8½
Boots	550	30	42½	51½	8½	14½	22½
(*564)	600	8½	18½	25½	37½	42	48½
Br Airways	460	20	32	39	13½	18½	24½
(*462)	500	5½	14½	21	39	42	47½
BP	460	36	43½	49	3	8½	12½
(*487½)	500	11	20	27	18	25½	30
Br Steel	140	17	20½	22½	1	4	7
(*157)	160	4½	9	12	9	12½	17
C & W	420	19½	33½	41	13	20½	27
(*425)	460	5½	16½	23½	39½	44½	49½
CU	550	58	67½	72½	4½	15	18½
(*597)	600	25	35½	43	20	30½	41
ICI	750	42½	53½	64	10	25	29½
(*773½)	800	16	26½	39	34	52	56
Kingfishr.	460	39½	51½	55	5	15	21
(*489)	500	15½	28	33½	21	34	40½
Land Sec.	550	38	49½	55	4	8½	16½
(*585)	600	9	20	25½	27	30½	41
M & S	430	22	34	38½	6	10	16½
(*431)	460	5	15	19	30	32	37½
Nat West	650	34½	45	59	15½	30½	41
(*662)	700	13	22½	37	43½	60½	70
Sainsbury	390	17	28	32½	8½	12½	19
(*393)	420	5	14	18½	28	30	35½
Shell	700	55½	66	69½	1½	8½	12½
(*745)	750	19	31	37	15	29	32½
Smkl Bch.	650	25	41	52	18	27	31
(*655)	700	6½	19½	29½	50½	57	59½
Storehse	280	20½	27	34	4	8½	11½
(*296)	300	8½	15½	23	13	16½	20½
Trafalgar	20	5	6½	8	2	2½	3½
(*23½)	25	2½	4½	6½	5	5½	6½
Unilever.	1200	39½	61	72½	15	32	38
(*1219½)	1250	15	34	47	43	59	64½
Zeneca	1200	80½	107	128	23	47	58
(*1243½)	1250	51½	79	101	43½	69½	81

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	420	21½	33	40	0½	14½	17½
(*440)	460	1½	14	21	20½	36	39
Ladbroke	120	4	13	14	1	5	9½
(*123)	130	0½	8½	9½	7½	10	14½
Utd Bisc	240	16	20½	31	0½	5½	9
(*256)	260	1	15	20	7	13½	19

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	37	48½	55½	4	7½	12½
(*493½)	500	12½	24½	31½	19½	23½	29
Thames W	500	53	67	74½	3	7½	17½
(*545)	550	19½	36½	43	20	25½	39

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	34	49½	54½	0½	8½	16½
(*534)	550	0½	20½	31½	16	29½	41½
BTR	330	5½	17½	22	0½	8	14
(*335½)	360	0	5	9	24½	25½	32½
Br Aero	700	30½	60½	72	0½	17	28½
(*730)	750	1	33	46	21½	39	52
Br Telecm.	360	5	16½	22	1	13	14½
(*364½)	390	0	5	9½	25½	33½	34½
Cadbury	500	38	56½	61	0½	8½	15
(*538)	550	1½	26½	32½	12	29½	37½
Guinness	460	20½	36	40½	0½	4	16
(*480)	500	0½	15	19½	20½	27½	36
GEC	300	20	26½	33	0	4½	7½
(*320)	330	0½	10	16	10	18	20½
Hanson	191	4½	9½	—	0½	7½	—
(*195½)	211	0	2½	—	15½	21½	—
LASMO	140	15½	20½	23	0½	2½	4½
(*155½)	160	0½	8½	11½	4½	10	12½
Lucas	180	18½	24	28	0	2½	5
(*198½)	200	1	11½	16	2½	9½	12½
Pilkington	180	8½	17	21	0½	5½	7
(*187)	200	0½	8	11	13	16	17½
Prudential	360	29½	41½	45	0	6	11½
(*389½)	390	2½	23	26	3	16½	24½
Redland	330	5	22	27½	1½	11	18
(*332)	360	0	9	14½	28	29½	37
R-Royce	160	12½	18½	21	0	3½	7
(*172½)	180	0	7½	10½	7½	12½	10½
Tesco	280	8	20	24½	0½	6½	12
(*288)	300	0	10½	14	12	16½	22½
Vodafone	240	11½	21	28	0	9	10½
(*251½)	260	0½	10½	17½	8½	18	20½
Williams	330	5	18½	23	1	8	14
(*334½)	360	0	5½	9½	25½	26½	32½

FT-SE INDEX (*3540)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	146	96	50	15	1½	1
Dec	172	130	92	61½	37½	21
Jan	199	152	118½	89½	66	45½
Feb	212½	175½	144½	114½	90	68
Jun	263	—	199	—	146	—
Puts						
Nov	1	1	5	21½	63	113
Dec	14½	25	38	60	68½	125½
Jan	29	42	59	80	108	140½
Feb	42½	56	75	95½	122½	152½
Jun	90½	—	125	—	170½	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	550	29	45	50	8	22	27½
(*568½)	600	6½	20	25½	34½	50½	55
Amstrad	280	14	24	32	6½	13½	18
(*289½)	300	5½	14½	22½	18	24½	28½
Barclays	750	31½	50½	62	11	27½	37½
(*765½)	800	9	25	38½	38½	54½	64½
Blue Circ	300	21½	32	35½	3	8½	15½
(*316½)	330	6	16	20	17	22½	30½
Br Gas	240	11	20	23	5	10	14
(*244½)	260	3	11	14½	16½	21	25½
Dixons	390	35½	45½	54½	2½	10	14
(*419½)	420	16	27½	36½	12	22	26
Forte	240	16½	23	26	2½	6½	10
(*252½)	260	5½	11½	15	10½	15½	20
Tarmac	80	6	10½	11½	2	4	6½
(*83½)	90	1½	5½	7	7½	10	12
Hillsdwn	160	6½	12½	14	3½	7	13
(*162½)	180	0½	4½	5½	17½	19	25
Lonrho	160	11	14	18	3	7	9
(*166½)	180	2½	5½	9½	14½	19	20
Sears	100	4	7	9	2½	4½	6
(*101)	110	0½	3	4½	9	10½	12
Thrn Eml	1450	70	106	145	19½	36½	42
(*1492½)	1500	41	79½	115½	41½	59½	63½
Tomkins	240	13½	19½	25½	3	8½	10½
(*249)	260	3½	10	16	13½	19	21
TSB	390	18½	22½	26½	7	23	23½
(*398)	420	5	9	11½	24½	44½	42

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	34½	53½	65	22	42	50
(*852½)	900	14½	30	43½	52	71	78½
HSBC	900	57	81½	94½	18	42	52½
(*929½)	950	30	54½	69	40	67	78
Reuter	550	56½	69	80½	6	15½	20
(*595)	600	24	38	51½	23	35	40½

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins.	360	21½	31½	39½	10	23½	28½
(*367)	390	10½	18	26½	27	41	46½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	4	4	5	0½	1	1½
(*264)	280	0	0	0	18	18½	20

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	24½	25	27	0½	0½	1
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26½	32	33

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	34½	43	55	3	8½	14
(*493½)	500	8½	19	32	17	23½	32
Scot Pwr	360	11½	17½	25½	8½	17	18½
(*360½)	390	2	6	13	30	35½	37½

November 14, 1995 Tot: 43990 Call: 19287 Put: 24703 FT-SE Call: 5560 Put: 15459

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3546.0	3567.0	3540.0	3554.0	8533
Previous open interest: 70170	Mar 96	3578.0	3578.0	3578.0	3577.5	4
FT-SE 250	Dec 95	3910.0	3910.0	3900.0	3910.0	310
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96	3943.0	3943.0	3943.0	3953.0	300
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.38	93.39	93.36	93.37	4424
Previous open interest: 357469	Mar 96	93.62	93.64	93.58	93.60	11815
	Jun 96	93.63	93.64	93.59	93.61	8414
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.27	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.63	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.08	96.09	96.06	96.07	12979
Previous open interest: 860969	Mar 96	96.29	96.30	96.26	96.27	17050
Long Gilt	Dec 95	107-24	108-03	107-18	107-26	40051
Previous open interest: 108000	Mar 96	107-05	107-08	107-05	107-06	1908
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.95	121.95	121.80	121.85	2132
	Mar 96	120.61	120.62	120.50	120.54	772
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	97.46	97.66	97.44	97.53	102716
Previous open interest: 212116	Mar 96	96.92	97.05	96.89	96.93	1360
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.46	94.48	94.42	94.42	1300
Previous open interest: 21129	Mar 96	94.66	94.66	94.61	94.61	441
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	98.03	98.08	98.03	98.07	4084
Previous open interest: 55912	Mar 96	98.25	98.31	98.24	98.29	4807
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	103.45	103.78	103.22	103.35	36126
Previous open interest: 43335	Mar 96	103.10	103.20	102.90	102.95	337

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth: 6⁹⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁹⁄₃₂	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⅜	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹⁹⁄₃₂-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₈-6⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾ close 6¼.

Local Authority Deps:	6⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	6⁹⁄₁₆	6½	6½
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.73	n/a	5.74	5.65	5.60
Building Society CDs:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	4-3⅞	4-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
French Franc:	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	7-5
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-2	2-1⅞	2⅛-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.90-386.70 Close: $385.70-386.20 High: $386.65-387.15
Low: $385.20-385.70 AM: $386.10 PM: $385.85

Krugerrand: $387.00-389.00 (£247.00-249.00)

Platinum: $414.50 (£265.90) Silver: $5.33 (£3.405) Palladium: $134.50 (£86.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4653-2.4817	2.4653-2.4686	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.27-45.59	45.27-45.37	13-10pr	33-27pr
Copenhagen	8.5330-8.5900	8.5330-8.5550	1¼-¾pr	3-2pr
Dublin	0.9696-0.9750	0.9696-0.9722	10-7pr	25-20pr
Frankfurt	2.2029-2.2164	2.2029-2.2060	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Lisbon	231.36-233.13	231.36-231.98	28-56ds	112-157ds
Madrid	189.68-190.85	189.68-189.97	43-53ds	133-151ds
Milan	2481.9-2491.9	2484.34-2488.4	8-9ds	24-26ds
Montreal	2.1041-2.1131	2.1072-2.1102	0.19-0.11pr	0.30-0.19pr
New York	1.5554-1.5606	1.5584-1.5594	0.14-0.12pr	0.33-0.30pr
Oslo	9.7150-9.7860	9.7150-9.7300	1½-1¼pr	4⅛-3⅝pr
Paris	7.5960-7.6480	7.5960-7.6090	⅛-½pr	1¼-1pr
Stockholm	10.379-10.436	10.379-10.402	¼-½ds	⅛-⅜ds
Tokyo	158.24-159.26	158.41-158.67	¾-½pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Vienna	15.523-15.593	15.524-15.550	¾-½pr	1-½pr
Zurich	1.7762-1.7869	1.7762-1.7790	¼-½pr	2¼-2pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3460-1.3489
Austria	9.96-9.97
Belgium (Com)	29.11-29.12
Canada	1.3537-1.3542
Denmark	5.4920-5.4950
France	4.8885-4.8926
Germany	1.4168-1.4173
Hong Kong	7.7340-7.7350
Ireland	1.6000-1.6020
Italy	1595.33-1595.60
Japan	101.68-101.73
Malaysia	2.5318-2.5328
Netherlands	1.5872-1.5882
Norway	6.2502-6.2547
Portugal	148.87-148.97
Singapore	1.4120-1.4130
Spain	121.89-122.02
Sweden	6.6708-6.6774
Switzerland	1.1420-1.1425

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5591-1.5617
Australia dollar	2.1025-2.1053
Bahrain dinar	0.5805-0.5925
Brazil real*	1.4984-1.5026
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6980-0.7080
Finland markka	6.5650-6.6810
Greece drachma	362.00-369.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0558-12.1651
India rupee	53.30-54.26
Indonesia rupiah	3521.00-3589.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4620-0.4720
Malaysia ringgit	3.9466-3.9507
New Zealand dollar	2.3967-2.4001
Pakistan rupee	53.28 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6050-5.7290
Singapore dollar	2.2010-2.2040
S Africa rand (com)	5.6170-5.7190
U A E dirham	5.6550-5.7790

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	285	Legal & Gn	874
ASDA Gp	11,000	Lloyds Bk	3,000
Abbey Ntl	2,900	London Elect	152
Allied Dom	2,700	Marks Spr	6,700
Argyll Gp	2,700	Mid Elec	93
Arjo Wggns	7,200	NatWst Bk	6,400
AB Foods	107	Nat Power	494
BAA	4,300	NW Water	684
BAT Inds	2,000	P & O	2,500
BOC	3,100	Pearson	929
BP	5,700	PowerGen	737
BSkyB	1,000	Prudential	3,100
BTR	9,400	REXAM	1,500
BT	13,000	RMC	658
Bk of Scot	1,500	RTZ	515
Barclays	2,000	Rank Org	2,100
Bass	1,300	Reckitt Col	740
Blue Circle	2,300	Redland	1,400
Boots	1,600	Reed Intl	560
BAe	2,500	Rentokil	600
BA	7,600	Reuters	1,700
Brit Gas	8,800	Rolls Royce	26,000
Brit Steel	8,100	Royal Ins	1,300
Burmah Cstl	728	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300
Cable Wire	2,700	Sainsbury	2,700
Cadbury	1,400	Schroders	10
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot & New	1,000
Cm Union	692	Scot Power	1,100
Cookson	2,100	Sears	11,000
Courtaulds	561	Svrn Trent	676
De La Rue	185	Shell Trans	7,500
Enterpr Oil	1,400	Siebe	2,000
Forte	3,600	SmKl Bch	2,300
GKN	105	Smith Nph	809
GRE	1,900	Sthern Elec	174
GUS	936	Std Chartd	1,500
Gen Acc	1,800	Sun Allnce	2,200
Gen Elec	3,600	TI Gp	604
Glaxo Well	5,400	TSB	4,200
Granada	650	Tate & Lyle	1,600
Grand Met	4,200	Tesco	6,400
Guinness	4,100	Thames W	478
HSBC	2,200	Thrn EMI	950
Hanson	6,000	Tomkins	2,300
ICI	332	Unilever	699
Inchcape	1,300	Vodafone	20,000
Kingfisher	3,600	Whitbread	1,200
LASMO	8,100	Wllms Hld	1,500
Ladbroke	12,000	Wolseley	1,500
Land Secs	408	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
AMP Inc	38¼	38¼
AMR Corp	69¾	69¾
AT & T	63¼	63¼
Abbott Labs	39¼	39
Advanced Micro	21¼	21¼
Aetna Life	74¼	74¼
Ahmanson (HF)	25¼	25¼
Air Prod & Chem	56¼	55¼
AirTouch Comm	31¼	31¼
Alberto-Culver B	31¼	31¼
Albertson's	32¼	32¼
Alcan Aluminm	32¼	32¼
Alco Standard	46¼	46¼
Allied Signal	44¼	45¼
Alum Co of Am	53¼	54¼
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6¼
Amerada Hess	47¼	48
Amer Brands	42¼	41¼
Amer El Power	37	36¼
Amer Express	42¼	42¼
Amer Genl Corp	33¼	33¼
Amer Home Pr	90¼	89¼
Amer Intl	86¼	86¼
Amer Stores	28¼	28¼
Ameritech	53¼	53¼
Amoco	67¼	66¼
Anheuser-Busch	65¼	65¼
Apple Computer	42¼	40¼
Archer Daniels	16¼	16¼
Armco	5¼	6
Armstrng Wrld	61¼	61
Asarco	32¼	32¼
Ashland Oil	31¼	31¼
Atl Richfield	110¼	109¼
Auto Data Pro	72¼	72
Avery Dennison	47	47
Avon Products	70¼	71¼
Baker Hughes	19¼	19¼
Baltim Gas & El	26¼	26¼
Banc One	39¼	35¼
BankAmerica	60¼	61¼
Bank of NY	42¼	43¼
Bankers Tr NY	63¼	63¼
Barnett Banks	56¼	56¼
Bausch & Lomb	36¼	36¼
Baxter Intl	38¼	38¼
Bectn Dicknsn	67¼	67
Bell Atlantic	62¼	62¼
Bell Industries	23¼	22¼
BellSouth	38¼	38¼
Black & Decker	35	34¼
Block (H&R)	44¼	45¼
Boeing	71¼	71¼
Boise Cascade	35¼	36¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	79¼	79
Browning Ferris	28¼	28¼
Brunswick	20¼	20¼
Burlington Nthn	80¼	80¼
CBS	81	81
CNA Financial	119¼	119
CPC Intl	65¼	64¼
CSX	84¼	84¼
Campbell Soup	51¼	52
Can Pacific	17	16¼
Cptl Cities ABC	119¼	120¼
Carolina Pwr	32¼	32¼
Caterpillar	56¼	56¼
Central & SW	26¼	26¼
Champion Intl	48	49¼
Chase Manhat	58	58¼
Chemical Bk	57¼	58¼
Chevron Corp	48¼	48¼
Chrysler	48	48¼
Chubb Corp	93¼	93¼
Cigna Corp	104¼	104¼
Citicorp	67¼	68¼
Clorox	73¼	73¼
Coastal Corp	31¼	31¼
Coca Cola	73¼	73¼
Colgate-Palmolive	69¼	69¼
Columbia Gas	40¼	40¼
Compaq Comp	52¼	54
Comp Ass Intl	54	54¼
Conagra	38¼	38¼
Conrail	68¼	69
Cons Edison	29	28¼
Cons Nat Gas	41¼	41
Cooper Inds	33¼	34
Corestates	36¼	36¼
Corning Inc	26¼	27
Crown Cork	40	39¼
Dana Corp	26¼	27¼
Dayton Hudson	76	74¼
Deere	89¼	89¼
Delta Air Lines	69¼	69¼
Deluxe Corp	27¼	27¼
Detroit Edison	32¼	33
Digital Equip	57	57¼
Dillard Dept St	28¼	29¼
Disney (Walt)	57¼	58¼
Dominion Res	39¼	39¼
Donelley (RR)	37¼	37¼
Dover Corp	38¼	38¼
Dow Chemical	69	68¼
Dow Jones	36¼	36¼
Dresser	21¼	21¼
Duke Power	44¼	44¼
Dun & Bradstreet	62	62¼
Du Pont	62¼	67¼
Eastman Kodak	65¼	66¼

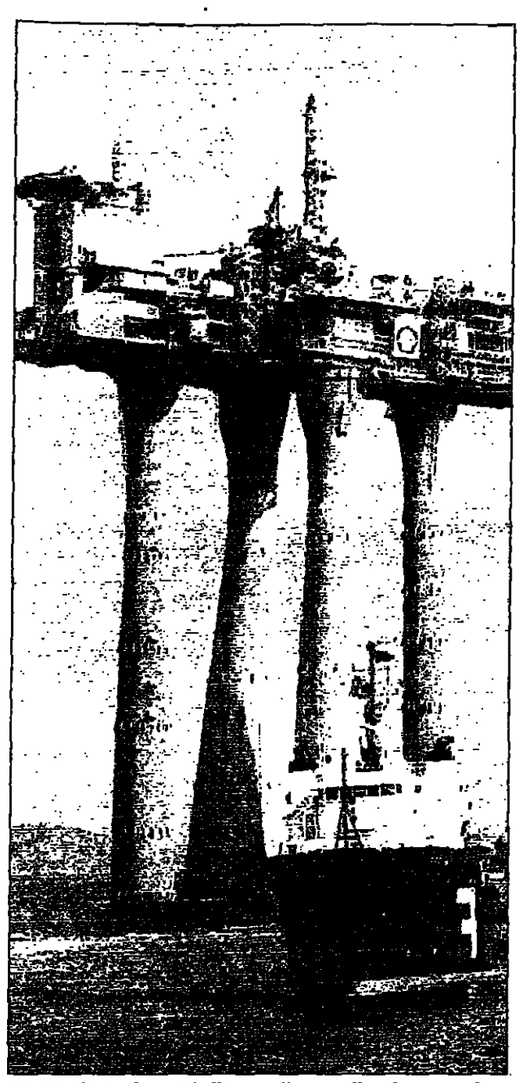
	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
Eaton Corp	52¼	52¼
Emerson Elec	75¼	74¼
Engelhard Corp	21	25¼
Enron Corp	35¼	35¼
Entergy	27¼	27¼
Ethyl Corp	11¼	12
Exxon	76¼	76¼
FMC Corp	73¼	73¼
FPL Group	41¼	41¼
Federal Express	80¼	82¼
Fed Nat Mtge	106¼	106¼
First Chicago	67¼	68¼
First Interstate	131¼	133¼
First Union Rty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Fini Grp	39¼	40
Fluor Corp	56¼	56¼
Ford Motor	28¼	29¼
GTE Corp	40¼	40¼
Gannett	56¼	56¼
Gap Inc Del	46	45¼
Gen Dynamics	58¼	57¼
Gen Electric	66	65¼
Gen Mills	55¼	55¼
Gen Motors	44¼	45
Gen Reinsurance	146¼	146¼
Gen Signal	31¼	31¼
Genuine Parts	39¼	39¼
Georgia Pac	77¼	79
Gillette	50¼	49¼
Glaxo Welc ADR	26¼	26¼
Goodrich (BF)	69¼	69¼
Goodyear Tire	40	40¼
Grace (W&R)	59¼	59¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21¼	21¼
Great Wstn Fin	23¼	24¼
Halliburton	41¼	42¼
Harcourt General	39¼	39¼
Heinz (HJ)	31¼	31¼
Hercules	54¼	54¼
Hershey Foods	60	59¼
Hewlett Packard	91¼	93¼
Hilton Hotels	66¼	67¼
Home Depot	42¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	16¼	16¼
Honeywell	43¼	43¼
Household Intl	59¼	59¼
Houston Inds	45¼	46¼
Humana	22¼	22¼
ITT Corp	121¼	121¼
Illinois Tool	59¼	59¼
Illinova	28	28¼
INCO	34¼	34¼
Ingersoll Rand	35¼	35¼
Inland Steel	23¼	23¼
Intel Corp	66¼	67¼
IBM	96¼	97¼
Intl Flav & Fr	49	49
Intl Paper	35¼	35¼
James River Va	29¼	30¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	84¼	81¼
Kellogg	73¼	71¼
Kerr-McGee	54¼	54¼
Kimberly-Clark	73	73¼
Kmart	8	8¼
Knight-Ridder	60¼	60¼
Lilly (Eli)	97¼	96¼
Limited Inc	18¼	18¼
Lincoln Nat	46¼	46
Litton	41¼	41¼
Liz Claiborne	29¼	29¼
Lockheed Martin	69¼	69¼
Louisiana Pac	23¼	23¼
MCI Comm	25	25¼
Marriott Int	36¼	36¼
Marsh & McLnn	84¼	84¼
Masco Corp	29¼	29¼
May Dept St	42¼	43¼
Maytag Corp	18¼	19
McDonalds	43¼	43¼
McDonnell D	85¼	85¼
McGraw Hill	81¼	83¼
Mead Corp	56¼	56¼
Medtronic	57¼	55¼
Mellon Bk	51¼	52¼
Melville Corp	29¼	29¼
Merck Inc	59¼	58¼
Merrill Lynch	57¼	57¼
Microsoft	95¼	96¼
Minnesota Mine	62¼	59
Mobil Corp	105¼	105¼
Monsanto	108¼	108¼
Morgan (JP)	75¼	76
Motorola Inc	65¼	66
Natl Semi	21¼	22¼
Natl Service Ind	31¼	31¼
Navistar Int	10¼	10¼
NBD Bancorp	37¼	37¼
NY Times A	29¼	29¼
Newmont Mng	38¼	40
Niag Mohawk	9¼	9¼
Nike B	61	60¼
NL Industries	12¼	12¼
Noram Energy	7¼	7¼
Nordstrom	38¼	38¼
Norfolk Sthrn	77¼	77¼
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	46¼
Norwest Corp	31¼	31¼
Nynex Corp	48¼	48¼
Occidental Pet	22	22¼
Ohio Edison	22¼	22¼

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
Oracle	46¼	46
Oryx Energy Co	12¼	12¼
Owens Corning	42¼	43
PPG Industries	43	43¼
PNC Bank	27¼	27¼
PP&L Res	23¼	23¼
Paccar Inc	42	42¼
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25¼	25¼
Pac Gas & Elect	29¼	29¼
Pac Telesis	29¼	30
Pall Corp	23¼	23¼
Panhandle East	26	26
Peco Energy	28¼	28¼
Penney (JC)	45¼	46¼
Pennzoil	39¼	38¼
Pepsico	53¼	53¼
Pfizer	58¼	58¼
Phelps Dodge	65	65¼
Philip Morris	88¼	87¼
Phillips Pet	31¼	32¼
Pitney Bowes	43¼	44¼
Polaroid	41¼	41¼
PriceCostco	16¼	16¼
Procter & Gmbl	84¼	84¼
Providian	39¼	39¼
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	28¼
Quaker Oats	34¼	34¼
Ralston Purina	59¼	59¼
Raychem Corp	47¼	47¼
Raytheon	42¼	42¼
Reebok Intl	33¼	33¼
Reynolds Metals	51¼	52
Roadway Srvcs	51¼	51¼
Rockwell Intl	47¼	47¼
Rohm & Haas	56¼	58¼
Royal Dutch	123¼	123¼
Rubbermaid	28	28¼
SBC Comms	54¼	54¼
Safeco Corp	68¼	67¼
St Paul's Cos	54	54¼
Salomon Inc	36¼	35¼
Sara Lee Corp	30¼	30¼
Scecorp	17	16¼
Schering Plough	55¼	54¼
Schlumberger	63	62¼
Scott Paper	53¼	53¼
Seagram	37	37¼
Sears Roebuck	38¼	39
Shell Trans	71	70¼
Sherwin Wlims	39	38¼
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	43¼	43¼
Southern Co	22¼	23¼
Sprint Corp	37¼	37¼
Stanley Works	48¼	48¼
Sun Company	28¼	28¼
Sun Microsys	84	84¼
Suntrust	66¼	66¼
Supervalu	31¼	31¼
Sysco Corp	30¼	31¼
TRW Inc	71¼	71¼
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	11¼	11¼
Tandy Corp	46	45¼
Teledyne	23¼	24¼
Temple Inland	44¼	44¼
Tenneco	45¼	45¼
Texaco	68¼	67¼
Texas Inst	61¼	62¼
Texas Utilities	37¼	37¼
Textron	70¼	70¼
Time Warner	37¼	37¼
Times-Mirror A	28¼	28¼
Timken	39¼	39¼
Torchmark	41¼	41¼
Toys R Us	23¼	23¼
Transamerica	71¼	71¼
Travelers	53¼	54¼
Tribune	64¼	64¼
Tyco Labs	63¼	63¼
UST Inc	30¼	30¼
UAL	187¼	182¼
US Inds	16¼	16
USX Marathon	18	18¼
Unicom	31¼	31¼
Unilever NV	129¼	129¼
Union Camp	48¼	48¼
Union Carbide	37	37
Union Pacific	65¼	65¼
Unisys Corp	6¼	6¼
USAIR Group	11¼	15¼
USF&G Corp	16¼	16¼
US Life	28¼	27¼
United Tech	88¼	88¼
Unocal Corp	26	26¼
VF Corp	49¼	48¼
WMX Tech	27¼	27¼
Wal-Mart Stores	23¼	23¼
Warner-Lambert	89¼	89¼
Wells Fargo	209¼	210¼
Westinghouse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	44¼	44¼
Whirlpool	53¼	53¼
Whitman	21¼	21¼
Winn Dixie	66	65¼
Woolworth	14¼	14¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47¼	48¼
Xerox	133¼	134
Yellow Corp	12¼	12¼

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Carl Mortished examines the difficulty of Shell's situation in Nigeria

Shell clams up to ride out the storm



The 'Troll' rig shows Shell's spending on oil and gas searches

Eight oil company executives will meet in Lagos today to decide the future of a project to export natural gas from the Niger Delta to Europe. Representatives from Shell, Elf of France, and Agip of Italy will meet their counterparts from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

They will seal the fate of Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas, a $4 billion joint venture that has become a target for opponents of the military regime of General Sani Abacha. They will do so knowing that in in London, Washington and across Europe, government ministers are debating the imposition of sanctions against Nigeria to punish the regime for the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other political opponents.

The sums of money involved in the project are huge and the commercial and technical risks considerable. Complex international projects of this nature involve long-term gambles on the supply and demand for energy worldwide. For Shell, however, the operator of Nigerian LNG and a 24 per cent shareholder, such problems are the stuff of its daily routine. If the project is scuppered today, it will not be due to arguments about engineering or the future price of gas. It will be abandoned for political reasons.

Political in this instance means public opinion. Shell, like most multinational oil companies, is used to working with political risk which in their lexicon means the threat of nationalisation. Oil companies, by necessity, operate in the developing world where business and politics are inextricably mixed and the memory of the seizure of BP's assets by a former Nigerian regime lives on in the oil industry.

More recently, Shell was confronted by a different and even less predictable risk than the quixotic behaviour of dictators. It was caught napping by the outrage in Germany over the planned dumping at sea of the Brent Spar and responded poorly to the public relations campaign orchestrated by Greenpeace. In the end, Shell proved its point and forced Greenpeace into a partial but humiliating retraction but only after being forced into an embarrassing U-turn of its own. Shell will do its utmost to avoid a U-turn today. The company prides itself in its long-term view and Shell is used to hunkering down, mollusc-like, to ride out a political storm. Shell has been in Nigeria for 60 years and since independence in 1960 has outlived 14 separate governments, most of them unelected. The company might wish to delay its decision for a few months in the expectation that world opinion will quickly focus on a new human rights outrage elsewhere but this time it cannot afford to do so.

Unlike the Brent Spar incident, there are financial and commercial reasons that preclude dilatory tactics. All of the preparatory work has been completed and $500 million spent on technical appraisals and the purchase of four specially adapted ships to carry the gas to Southern Europe.

The project is also committed to its contractors, a consortium including Technip, Snamprojetti, Kellogg and JGC of Japan. According to Alan Detheridge, a Shell director responsible for Nigeria, the turnkey contract for the LNG plant to be built on Bonny Island must be kickstarted by December or it expires. "We have a very good price, it is very competitive."

To renegotiate it would involve a new and lengthy tender process which could result in a price that could well harm the economics of the project beyond repair. Meanwhile, delay would cause the buyers of the gas, Enagas of Spain, Gaz de France, Enel of Italy and Botas, a Turkish company, to seek alternative suppliers.

The indication from Shell is that the project either goes ahead now or is scrapped forever. A scheme for exporting some of the 1.1 billion cu ft of gas that is flared daily from the Niger Delta has been mooted for almost 30 years while the present project has been on the drawing board for a decade.

Shell officials are scornful of the notion that the project would provide funds to bolster the Nigerian regime and they insist that the jobs and wealth it generates will benefit the country as a whole. Building the plant will take four years, they say and initial receipts from the sale of gas will pay off the start up costs. Mr Detheridge said: "The time that the project actually starts to generate income is after 2007."

If history is any guide, several Nigerian governments will have come and gone before there is any money from the LNG. There is a more important reason for opponents of the regime to support the project. NNPC, the state oil company that owns 48 per cent of the venture, has invested $1 billion of its own oil revenues in the project already. That money, along with funds advanced by Shell, Agip and Elf is being held in escrow, pending the final investment decision expected today. The funds are held in secure bank accounts outside Nigeria, to be released to the contractors under pre-agreed conditions.

A decision to scrap the project would restore the funds to the shareholders and by implication, release $1 billion in cash to the Nigerian Government. A government under seige from international opinion, threatened with sanctions and bubbling with internal dissent will doubtless have more pressing uses for $1 billion than a construction project with a pay-back date well into the next century.

Shell needs its investment in Nigeria and would suffer from an oil boycott, were one to be imposed. Last year, Shell pumped 256,000 barrels per day, representing about 12 per cent of its worldwide production. Shell is the biggest foreign player in the Nigerian oil industry and the country is the third largest source of oil for the Anglo-Dutch group, after the United States and Britain.

So far, it has resisted the temptation to go on a propaganda offensive over the accusations that it has contributed to environmental devastation in Ogoniland, the homeland of Ken Saro-Wiwa. The company rejects the charge of collusion with the military and recites a litany of statistics about money spent on environmental projects. Lately, it has begun to be more aggressive, claiming that a majority of the recent oil spills in Ogoniland were caused by sabotage: local people damaging flowpipes with hacksaws in pursuit of compensation.

Shell claims that damage to Delta region is caused in part by oil but also from population pressure and deforestation. In the manner of the recent environmental survey of the Brent Spar, the company is funding a $2 million independent environmental survey of the Niger Delta. It also points out that gas flaring will be much reduced by the LNG project.

But the Shell culture remains one of 'never apologise and rarely explain'. A standard joke in the oil industry is that there is a right way, a wrong way and a Shell way of doing everything. The company has created a video on the Nigeria question, not for public but for internal consumption. The communication policy at Shell is about reaching consensus internally, only allowing information to trickle out when absolutely necessary.

Shell is undergoing its own internal turmoil. More gentle than that suffered by the people of Nigeria but unprecedented from the company that prides itself on stability and has made consensus its guiding management principle. The international head office, based in London and the Hague is shedding 30 per cent of its staff in a bid to streamline decision making and shift more responsibility to operating companies and stop buck-passing.

The buck will have been passed very high up the chain over the Nigeria decision but Nigeria is important to the company and Shell expects to be there for a long time yet.

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Small is beautiful when it comes to getting Britain back to work

Employment levels are rising — but no thanks to big business. Small firms are creating the jobs, writes **Philip Bassett**

When the Government announces today what forecasters believe will be a further drop in UK unemployment, ministers' increased confidence rests not just on the fact that the number of people without work is continuing to fall — but the number of people in work is continuing to rise.

But if employment is now clearly going up overall, it is going up in a highly differentiated way. Big companies are continuing to cut jobs, and it is small firms that are putting on staff, pushing up employment figures — and cutting the dole queues.

Big business went home yesterday at the end of the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference, having set out its priorities for pulling Britain round from what business leaders are fearful could shift from an economic slowdown into a new downturn. But even when the recovery was looking less rocky than it is now, big firms were still downsizing, still delayering, still re-engineering — still cutting jobs.

"CBI members are still shedding labour," says Stephen Alanbritis, of the Federation of Small Business. "They are still taking in profits by taking out labour. But there is now a recognition that it is smaller companies which are creating jobs." In his speech to the CBI conference yesterday, Adair Turner, Director-General, accepted some of the point: "Smaller firms will become increasingly important — especially when it comes to growth in employment."

Small business campaigners claim that over the past decade, small firms have created up to 2.5 million jobs in Britain, though a range of studies raises questions about their longevity, and about what kind of jobs they tend to be.

But in spite of concerns about the quality of the jobs created, campaigners for small business point to the economic effect of the long-run trend in small firms' job creation record. Stan Mendham, chief executive of the Forum of Private Business, a small firms lobby group, says: "Small firms in the Nineties are now repeating their feat of the 1980s, when they completely outperformed big business in creating new jobs." Take Moor Envelopes, a small envelope manufacturer based in London's East End. Founded 30 months ago, the company, which supplies envelopes to printers and carries out contract mailing for firms, moved after a year to employing three people, and now with a turnover of up to £500,000 a year, has in the past 12 months expanded again to employ ten.

Natural World, a retail chain was started three years ago to plug what its husband-and-wife founders believed was a gap in the retail market for outdoor products for families — anything from compasses, to books on fossils. In that time, the company has moved from having no employees to now having 80, rising to 130 for the Christmas push. Branching out from its first shop in Cheltenham, Natural World now eight stores, with the two latest ones opening this year in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Andrew Thomas, who runs the firm, which now has a turnover of some £2.7 million, expects more growth — and more jobs — from the six stores he plans to open in the coming year.

Such stories are widespread in the small business sector, which dominates Britain's occupational structure. New census figures show that workplaces with fewer than 50 employees account for 95 per cent of the total, with those employing below ten accounting on their own for almost three quarters. A third of the workforce is employed by firms with fewer than 50 workers.

Given this kind of reach, small business is unsurprisingly being heavily targeted by political leaders in their search for business support in the run-up to the general election.

Richard Page, Small Business Minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, says the "needs of small business people are at the top of the Government's competitiveness agenda". He says the number of small firms has risen 1.2 million to 3.6 million since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. And he claims: "The Government is giving more support to the small business sector than at any time in the history of this country."

Barbara Roche, Labour's new spokeswoman on small business, says: "Small businesses are vital to Labour. As far as job creation is concerned, they are an absolutely essential sector, and for the general economy they are vital for growth." She is to step up Labour's campaign, favoured by small business, for legal moves on the late payment of debt — a move rejected by the Government as too interventionist.

Small business's rates of job growth far outstrip anything in the economy overall and contrast with the continuing employment falls in large companies, according to a new analysis by *The Times* of job data.

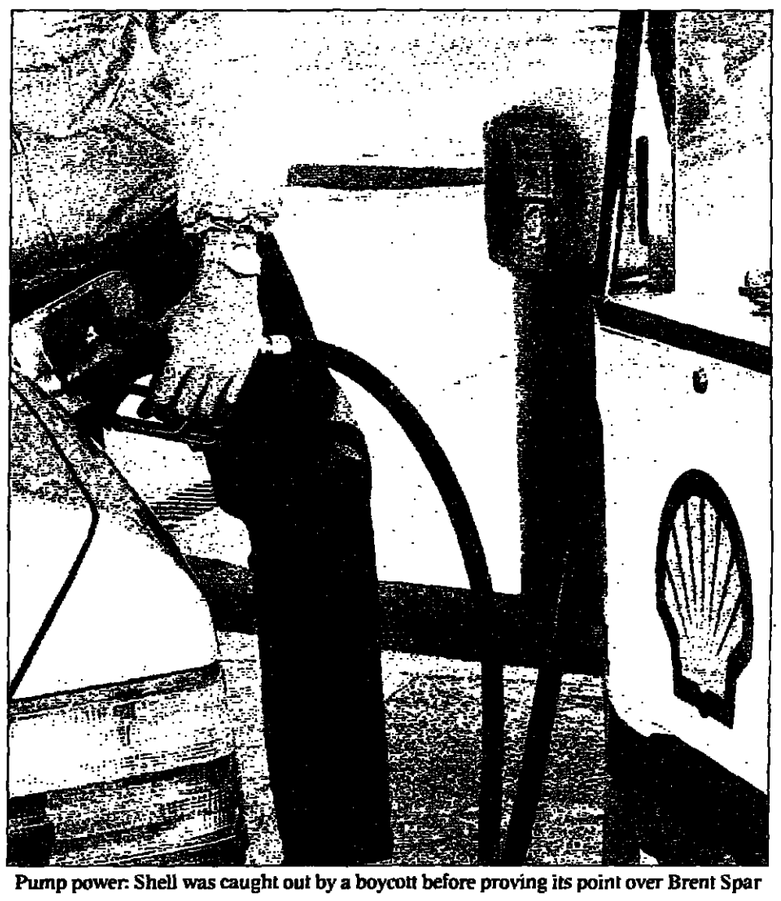
Since unemployment started to fall almost three years ago, employment — after a sluggish start in which job numbers continued downwards — has picked up markedly. Figures drawn from the Government's Labour Force Survey show the number of people in work has risen over the period by 491,000, or 2.3 per cent, to 21.9 million. Figures from the principal business organisations suggest that most of this growth has been among small businesses.

The pattern for the largest companies, those with more than 5,000 staff, shows a consistent trend of job losses over the period, although the most recent CBI industrial trends survey shows an upturn in employment among these businesses. Since unemployment started to fall, the level of job-shedding has been extensive. At times, the balance of those cutting jobs has been in the 80 per cent-plus range.

Big business doesn't expect much change in that pattern. Although the avalanche of job-shedding from big groups of a few years ago has eased considerably, employment in big companies is still being scaled down. Small businesses know that they remain the engine of job growth — and the Government's best hope of a continuing reduction in unemployment.



Natural World, specialising in outdoor products, created 80 jobs in three years



Pump power: Shell was caught out by a boycott before proving its point over Brent Spar

Betting on the Budget

THE City's bookmaker, City Index, is opening a book on how long Kenneth Clarke takes to deliver the Budget speech on November 28. Our Ken took an hour and 26 minutes last year and, in 1993, an hour and 16 minutes. An opening quote of 71-78 minutes on the duration of this year's delivery moved to a spread by late yesterday of 76-82 minutes.

Judicious buy

THE full story behind yesterday's £75 million deal by Cobham to buy Westwind Air Bearings of Dorset is simply that Cobham's finance director, the laconic and elegant Giles Irwin, was so impressed with Westwind that he went out and bought it. One of his roles is judging the Business of the Year Awards in Dorset. And the winner in 1994? Why, Westwind, of course.

Vital comma

ABN Amro Hoare Govett is taking on a trio of thirtysomething research analysts, each with wide City experience. Chris Smith, 34, is joining from James Capel. Alastair Smellie, 32, from Lehman Brothers, and Jason Streets, 32, from Charterhouse Tilney.

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In the 1995 *Who's Who in the City*, under recreations, Streets lists: "Cooking, Books." Thank heavens for the comma.

In the groove

PORK belly and orange juice futures may soon be some of the more exotic contracts traded on Liffe after yesterday's link-up between the London and Chicago markets. Sadly, however, Shellack will not. Shellack was the raw material used to make gramaphone records. Between 1956 and 1964, Shellack futures enjoyed almost as great a volume of business as The Beatles did in the record shops. Then came vinyl ...

Contacts count

GKR, the headhunter which celebrates its silver jubilee this year, has found itself a new chairman: Henry King, the Rentokil chairman and senior partner at City solicitors Denton Hall. GKR says King, who has won friends among the boards of FT-SE companies with his work on their deals over the years, is valued as much for his contacts as for his experience with partnership firms.

Old heads

CLEARLY stung by references to his youthfulness, CBI Director-General Adair Turner hit back yesterday in his closing speech to the confederation's annual conference. He referred to his "spray-on" grey hair and the fact that, at 39, he is younger even than his predecessor Howard Davies was when appointed to the job. "Howard of course had an advantage over me," Turner told the CBI. "Since he was actually born at the age of 40, people have always been genuinely confused about how old he is now."

COLIN CAMPBELL

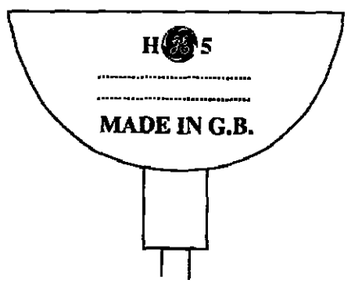
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PRODUCT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

GE LIGHTSTREAM LOW VOLTAGE HALOGEN LAMPS PURCHASED AFTER 1 MAY 1995

Quality checks have revealed that a small percentage of GE Lightstream MR 16 12 volt halogen display lamps manufactured after 1 May 1995 may fail during the first hours after initial light-up, causing the inner capsule to burst. The lamps are used mainly in commercial installations and GE is asking wholesalers and those responsible for lighting in commercial and public buildings to check their stocks of mirror lamps for any GE Lightstream lamps with the following date codes, as illustrated:



E 5
F " 5
H " 5
I " 5
J " 5
K " 5

Any stock lamps with one of these date codes should be returned to the relevant wholesaler or contractor for replacement.

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Shares advance continues

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2806½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2733½	-12½	4.6	10.3
579	413	Abbey Nat	568	+ 1	4.2	11.4
341	250	Allied Irish	341	+ 7	4.2	9.9
280	198	Anz New Z	277	+ 5	5.0	8.4
4075	2531½	Bank America	3937½	-37½		
2707½	1811½	Bank Scotland	2691	- 1	3.0	11.5
778	557½	Barclays	767	+ 5	5.2	10.5
456	288	Bk of Ireland	456	+ 18	3.8	9.8
525	418	Cater Allen	468		7.7	7.1
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4387½	-12½		
340½	216½	Close Bros	320		3.4	
£162½	£129½	Commerzbk	£145½	-540½	3.7	
1375	953½	Dbs Yzh Kas Y	1086½	+ 3½	0.5	
3231½	2775	Deutsche Bk	2986½	-43½	2.8	
8811½	6121½	Espirito Santo	6681½	- 3½	12.7	
1611	1138½	Fuji Bank Y	1389	- 2	7.0	10.6
490	385	Gerrard Nat†	463	+ 7	6.7	15.0
253	180	Hambros	193	+ 8	4.9	48.6
963	588	Hsbc	930	+ 9	3.8	12.1
947	578	Hsbc Hk	913	+ 5	3.9	11.9
338	228	Irish Perm	318	+ 5	3.6	7.8
315	234	Ispahl (L)	263		4.8	25.9
145	95	King Shaxson	114		9.9	8.9
821	530	Lloyds	817	+ 3	4.1	12.5
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	568	+ 5	7.0	8.5
689	454	Nat West	665	+ 12	4.3	10.3
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2900		6.6	3.4
87	44	Rea Brothers	85		2.8	18.0
569½	373½	Rpf Bk Scot	535	+ 10	3.4	12.9
1478	909½	Schlesinger	1393	+ 5	1.6	18.6
1180	825½	Schroders N/V	1093	+ 5	1.6	15.6
110	81	Singer & Fried	106		4.2	11.3
520	346	Standd Chart	505	- 2	2.1	13.2
404	217	Tsb	396	+ 2	3.6	13.8
121	70	Ubaton	112		3.3	
£145½	90¾	Wells Fargo†	£135½	-2½	2.2	
2569½	211	Westpac	2552	+ 3	3.3	
295	200	Wmbsnd	295		4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

231	143	Bass Hldgs	217		4.6	10.2
699	487	Bass	669	- 6	4.0	16.1
457	339	Beddingtons	436	+ 8	2.6	22.4
192	137	Burtonwd Brwr	184		3.7	17.1
186	137	Eldridge P 'A'	182		3.3	20.3
61	51	Fosters Brewing	58		4.9	
433	335	Fstr Scn 'A'	411		2.5	17.5
557	402	Greenalls Grp	552	+ 10	3.2	15.1
658	468	Greene King	628	- 1	3.8	16.8
297	240	Hardy Hanson	295		4.1	13.8
190	140	Hpshrlmr	185		4.5	10.9
3425	3046	Holt J	3135		3.2	16.8
347	219	Mansfield	339		2.0	17.5
321	258	Weston Thmp	305		3.0	14.8
543	391½	Morland	526	- 1	2.7	15.8
8½	6½	Paramount†	7		3.9	
805	367	Regent Inns	585	+ 1	1.5	20.8
2143½	1287½	SA Breweries	2100	- 25	1.7	28.5
634	472	Scot & Newc Brw	595	+ 10	3.8	16.0
337	226	Scot & Nwc Pf	330		3.7	
309	211	Vaux Group	288	+ 2½	4.8	14.7
638	446	Wellerprpoln JDI	632		1.6	
647	465	Wellerprpoln D	644	+ 7	4.0	15.9
565	483	Wolverhmpton D	528		3.4	13.6
290	186	Yates Bros	286		1.3	38.7
475	425	Young 'A'	455		4.1	20.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

150	125	Abbey	135		4.9	8.8
445	311½	Alumasc▼	425		2.2	18.4
342	267½	Bpb Ind	298	- 2	3.8	13.9
133	94	Baggeridge Bk	94		4.2	8.9
36	32½	Bamford	35		10.0	12.2
76	38	Blackfrs	49	+ 5	10	
338	255	Blue Circle†	317	+ 2	4.6	14.4
72	52	Brandon PLC	72	- 5	8.4	10.0
136	110	Br Dredging†	131		6.4	14.4
453	338	Brh	450		2.3	16.9
46	36	Calednead Rby	38		3.3	
210	143	Cape	146		9.4	11.3
274	174	Caradon	188		6.3	9.8
174½	90½	Caradon Inv	105½	- ½	6.5	
55	19	Chartbee Gp	19		12.5	
198	105	Clyson (J&J)	185		2.7	15.3
90	63	Dyson A	81		6.2	6.7
98½	54½	Edfrose Bldg	85	+ 1		78.2
315	234	Epwin	256		4.3	13.8
99	85	Gibbs & Dandy	95		4.2	
193	160	Galfrom Grpt	185	+ 1	3.6	16.2
381	312	Halstead Utt	361	+ 2	2.8	
325	254	Hepworth†	305	+ 3	6.3	13.6
86	39	Hemdsall	43		1.6	5.5
104½	78	Hewit (J)	100		4.7	8.9
724	81	Brandon Hire	91		3.1	15.7
40	32	Ibstock Gp	36	- 2	7.7	9.1
160	136	Br Bldg & Eng	156		2.8	9.0
134	93	Bryant	99	- 2	6.4	
121	98	CALA	111		3.6	10.7
38	17	Campbll & Arm	17		13.5	
69	49	Clarke T	49		10.4	17.6
242½	97	Corlean	232	- 1		
85	53	Countryside	82	- 1	8.5	8.9
81	43	Crest Nicholson	59	- 5	4.2	8.3
98	78	Cussons	88		5.9	7.9
193	166	Eve Group	180		7.6	9.7
29	15	Galliford	19½	+ ½	7.6	
863	748	Gleeson (M)	748	- 5		
61	41	Green (Hmc)†	61		10.5	26.6
313	178	Hawtorn Leslie	271		1.5	22.8
198	115	Hewden-Stuart	135	+ 4½	2.6	14.4
83	72	Higgs & Hill	79	+ 1½	2.6	12.8
24	14	Howard Mchy	15		6.7	17.5
1½	8¾	Jarvis	1½			
138	98	Keller	130		3.7	12.6
256	185	Lang (J)	256	- 1	4.8	19.0
97	94	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	94	+ 1	8.5	
12	7	Lovell (Y)	14		5.9	14
210	176	Maunders Utt	180	+ 2	4.0	
181	104	Mckayne (Ay)	136	- 1	6.0	14.4
82	48	McCarthy & S	59½	- ½		16.7
51	40	Morgan Sndall	75		1.4	43.7
121	116	Morrison Cons	117	+ 1	3.2	11.5
106	53	Mowlem (J)	62	+ 2	4.0	30.9
215	162	Persimmon	188	+ 1	6.3	13.1
2480	1605½	Pochin	2000			2.0
126	94	Rowlnsn	110	- 1	4.2	14.7
33	13	Rsmc Hld	16	- 2	19.6	3.3
83	45	Secure Retre	50	- 1	3.2	9.5
128	93	Redrpert	124	- 1	3.2	
398	347	Sheriff Hldgs	347		2.3	12.7
112½	78	Skanska	80		6.2	12.3
368	259	Staveley	345		1.0	21.8
176	142	Tay Homes†	154	+ 3	5.7	10.6
130	99	Taylor Woodrw	113	+ 5	3.5	21.5
568	415	Tilbury Douglas	418		8.6	14.2
59½	28	Tarmac Hire	39	- 3	5.6	12.4
23	6	Tressdrewchmnd	12	+ 1		1.1
	9½	Tru Group	9¾		6.6	13.3
109	78	Ybrapiant	83	- 1	6.0	6.6
116	93	Wainbornes	107	+ 2	5.3	9.9
60	37	Ward Hldgs	45	+ 2	4.2	10.0
177	123	Westbury†	177	+ 1	4.1	13.1
	5½	Wiggins	3	- ½		
174	124	Wimpey (G)	153	- 2	3.7	11.3
372	308	Wilson Bowdn	357	+ 1	3.5	13.6
138	97	Wimpey G	112	+ 2	6.1	16.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

2	0½	Aegis Utd	0¾			
100	57	Agp Hsko	96	+ 1		
7¾	5½	Bailey (Gh)	6			
56	36	Black Arrow	44		6.8	7.1
87	60	Br Bloodstock	87			28.0
6	3	Card Gp	4			
9½	4½	Chaucer	7		1.8	21.9
151	125	Cossis	151		6.8	10.2
276	215	Filtrtn	275		1.2	20.4
43	24	Headway	33			30.0
436	248	Hoskins	418		2.3	18.9
168	123	Lehgh	127	+ 3	7.7	13.2
231	182	Mcka Gp	192		5.9	8.7
265	151	Photo-Me	180	+ 3	3.9	14.0
68	53	Pizza & Pan	60	+ 1	5.7	6.4
11	0½	Redrow	11½			
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	89		4.6	18.7
213	160	Sinclair (Wmjf)	185		4.9	
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	397	- 1		12.0
148	73	Waste Recyg	122		1.2	26.4

CHEMICALS

198	146	Albright & Wilr	150	+ 3	5.0	15.8
137	109	Allied Colloids	136½	+ 1½	2.4	19.3
245	195	Amdpo Ind	245		2.0	4.1
58	47	Amberley Gp	54		2.4	18.4
£147½	£130½	BASF Dm	£147½		3.1	
384	289	BOC	376	+ 12	3.9	16.8
303	236	BTP	251	- 10	5.4	13.9
£171¼	£141½	Bayer DM50	£165½	+1.93½	3.5	
105	103	Biagden	103	- 1		
119	80	Brent Chemist	81		4.9	22.2
278	209	Br Vita	210	- 1	4.2	13.4
208	164	Canning (W)	203		4.2	15.0
469½	376	Castrolsable	386		5.0	15.2
387½	320	Crodal	348	- 1	3.2	15.2
203	125	Dostlorl	203		3.4	13.9
382	254	Ellis & Everard	356	- 1	4.1	14.9
107	58	Exm Colour	97	- 1	2.2	25.2
224	114	Gibson	224		3.5	17.7
145	85	Hickson†	85		6.1	8.1
£167½	£123½	Hoechst	£162½		3.2	
221½	186	Holliday Chem	190		3.3	13.5
849½	680	Ici	774	- 6	4.6	14.8
360	187½	Inspec	355		1.8	20.7
159	97½	Kalon	103		9.6	11.7
892	620	Laporte†	815	- 1	3.5	16.6
65	58	Mtm	58		5.8	12.2
385	291	Mcbee	291	- 2	4.8	13.1
86	30	Melrnead	43		4.4	15.2
516	362½	Mondelson	413½	- ½	4.9	14.7
455	373½	Parsons	374		1.7	27.4
250	186	Scapa	231	- 4	3.5	17.8
34	16	Satcliffe Speak	30		1.7	37.2
940	695½	Tokeda Chem	932½	- 9½	1.0	12.5
256	186	Wellington Hldg	248		3.4	19.0
1058	728	Wtchnhime R	1010		2.7	17.2
374	270	Yorks Chem	374		3.9	13.4
340	236	Yule Catter	307	+ 1	3.0	16.3

DISTRIBUTORS

113½	88½	Abl Lds	100		5.2	11.5
595	535	Adam & Harvey	550		4.6	6.5
21	14	Alexander	14		6.2	23.0
113	86	Appleyard	90		8.3	9.7
4½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	26.5
623	518	Bss Group	573		4.3	16.5
48	28	Bandt	38			
24½	15½	Bearing Power	16½		7.5	8.1
28	18	Bisgod 'A'	26		3.4	9.3
483	345	Bssnesy	441	+ 7	3.4	17.0
21	10½	Bdsprd Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Brit Fibrgls†	84		4.8	12.7
270	215	Calfyrc	253		5.7	18.0
185	54	Central Mtr	66		5.2	17.9
60	35	Cook (Dc)	55	+ 1	3.4	8.1
320½	220	Cpwr	275	- 3	4.3	11.9
155	125	Dcp Mdsnd	139		7.0	10.6
598	388	Dcsnnns Et	598		1.8	11.2
901	495	Diploma	826	- 1	4.1	14.1
333	238	Electrocomps	326	- 1	2.3	22.0
247	153	Eurotic Elec	234	- 2	3.2	15.8
235	114	Eurotrdlar	114	- 1	8.8	6.9
130	87	European Mk	95		6.6	8.2
449	280	Exmrs Hdchaw	282	+ 2	6.6	9.0
695	512	Farnell Elect†	661	+ 1	1.8	19.8
	48	Fife Indmse	66		6.2	10.8
	15	Gardnr	19½		5.3	9.6
391	233	Powerscreen	380	- 1	2.8	14.0
	5½	Progpost Indls	5		16.5	
184	148	Hamlt (Phillip)	184		4.8	12.8
201	142	Headlam†	200		2.6	17.5
264	256	Hnslys	258	+ 4	2.5	18.5
184	148	Hants (Phillip)	184		4.8	12.8
201	142	Headlam†	200		2.6	17.5
264	256	Hnslys	258	+ 4	2.5	18.5
131	91	Holmes Tech	131	+ 10	5.7	24.9
183	86	Isa Indy	183	+ 16	1.2	7.7
430	374	Inchcape†	430		6.2	27.4
66	53	Jacks (Wmyt)	66		5.3	13.5
187	142	Kwik-Fit	181	+ 4	3.2	15.5
358	264½	Lex Service	310	- 1	5.8	16.5
195	146	Loolers	149		6.4	9.2
22	9	Mallows Grp	11½	+ ½	5.2	15.5
9¼	5	Middlecor	8½		0.7	19.5
71	35	Midlsbks	39	+ 2½		4.4
503	330	Nichols	488		1.3	16.5
1688	78	Northernbr	264	- 2	0.8	21.2
155	137	Nwsh	137		7.0	9.8
235	205	Pendragon	232½		3.9	14.2
166	123	Perry Gp	158		6.1	11.9
146	126	Qurdle Group	138		5.5	11.7
197	160	REA	193	+ 1	2.5	23.4
	3¾	Reece	3¾			
73	48	Ransom	54		2.9	11.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
598	388	Rotork	598		2.5	18.7
632	372	Sgb Indl	581			15.1
901	495	Diploma	826	- 1	4.1	14.1
333	238	Electrocomps	326	- 1	2.3	22.0
247	153	Eurotic Elec	234	- 2	3.2	15.8
235	114	Eurotrdlar	114	- 1	8.8	6.9
130	87	European Mk	95		6.6	8.2
449	280	Exmrs Hdchaw	282	+ 2	6.6	9.0
695	512	Farnell Elect†	661	+ 1	1.8	19.8
	48	Fife Indmse	66		6.2	10.8
	15	Gardnr	19½		5.3	9.6
391	233	Powerscreen	380	- 1	2.8	14.0
	5½	Progpost Indls	5		16.5	
184	148	Hamlt (Phillip)	184		4.8	12.8
201	142	Headlam†	200		2.6	17.5
264	256	Hnslys	258	+ 4	2.5	18.5
131	91	Holmes Tech	131	+ 10	5.7	24.9
183	86	Isa Indy	183	+ 16	1.2	7.7
430	374	Inchcape†	430		6.2	27.4
66	53	Jacks (Wmyt)	66		5.3	13.5
187	142	Kwik-Fit	181	+ 4	3.2	15.5
358	264½	Lex Service	310	- 1	5.8	16.5
195	146	Loolers	149		6.4	9.2
22	9	Mallows Grp	11½	+ ½	5.2	15.5
9¼	5	Middlecor	8½		0.7	19.5
71	35	Midlsbks	39	+ 2½		4.4
503	330	Nichols	488		1.3	16.5
1688	78	Northernbr	264	- 2	0.8	21.2
155	137	Nwsh	137		7.0	9.8
235	205	Pendragon	232½		3.9	14.2
166	123	Perry Gp	158		6.1	11.9
146	126	Qurdle Group	138		5.5	11.7
197	160	REA	193	+ 1	2.5	23.4
	3¾	Reece	3¾			
73	48	Ransom	54		2.9	11.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
598	388	Rotork	598		2.5	18.7
632	372	Sgb Indl	581			15.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

175	125½	Advestt	129		7.6	
353	235	Autoglass†	273		2.1	12.8
940	728½	Bnkon Hill	874	+ 13	2.7	
348	291	Bttrft	333½	+ 2	5.2	14.6
564	495	Bwtr	534	- 1	5.3	12.1
370½	144	Berisford Intl	158	+ 2	1.2	41.8
131	71	Bibby (J)	123	- 2	3.2	
91	48½	Brierley Invt	47		9.1	2.6
949	743	Charter	931		2.8	12.4
330	185	Coalmstr†	300	+ 3	3.0	19.1
153	100	Grampian Hldg†	140		5.2	15.8
243½	169¾	Hanson	195½	- ½	7.7	10.7
155½	135	Hanson (Ordnl)	143½	+ ½	7.8	15.2
1539½	1243	Hutch Whamp	1425	- 2	2.3	17.9
584½	354½	Jardine Matn	364½	- 2½	4.4	17.4
31	26	Jourdan (T)	26		6.1	6.9
171	134	Lonrho	169½	+ 2	3.4	23.0
171	113	Mid And Potnt	151		5.1	15.2
44	34	Porter Chadbrn	42			14.3
601	447	Powell Duffryn	582	- 1	5.4	15.3
152	123	Ropner	148		7.0	10.2
215	206	Sime Darby	212		3.1	14.2
194	150	Slaverbry	214		3.4	10.4
207	148	Suter†	187		6.5	12.5
366	227	Tt Group	364½	- ½	2.7	14.9
282	214	Tomkinsn	249	+ 5½	4.4	13.8
76	16½	Tricentrol H	23½		6.3	
295	205	Unidare	295		6.4	
396	315	Wardle Storeys	396	+ 10	5.6	
300	241	Wassall	266	- 1	3.0	14.7
200	162	Whitecroft	188		3.8	14.0
350	258½	Williams Hldg	334½	+ 4½	5.1	15.6

ELECTRICITY

855	554	East Midlands	816	- 14	4.9	12.4
978	535	Eastern Grp	974	- 1	3.6	13.0
990	548	London Elec	921	- 11	3.9	12.2
1023	621	Manweb	1008		4.0	13.7
988	583	Midlands	980	- 2	4.1	12.9
561	421½	National Power	494	- 2	4.2	10.1
271	158½	Nrd Power Pf	198	- 3	4.1	10.3
583½	421½	Northern Elec	513	+ 5	4.9	8.6
317	213	Nthn Ireland	278	+ 1	4.3	13.0
1207	611	Norweb†	1085	- 2	3.5	10.9
609	457½	PowerGen	562	- 5	3.3	11.5
299	176½	Powergen Pf	250	- 6	3.2	12.5
379	303	Hydro-Elect	336	- 2	5.2	9.8
391	306	Scottish Power	361	- 2	5.0	10.5
627	394	Seebeard	622	- 1	3.2	11.7
1075	630	Stn Wales	1031	- 10	3.7	10.7
973	669	Stn Western	900		4.0	10.6
977	548	Southern Elec	971	- 3	4.5	10.6
955	599	Yorkshire Elec	933	- 4	4.1	11.7

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

504	292	Acal	504	+ 1	1.8	20.2
159	77½	Acorn Comp	140			
735	625	Admiral	703		1.3	20.5
261	195	Alba	253		2.6	17.3
296½	127½	Amstrad†	285½	- 2½	1.1	
41	30	Anton	38		2.0	13.2
127	77	Actec	125		1.3	19.4
513	116	Arlan	505	+ 2	0.8	22.5
364	244	BICC†	362	+ 11	6.0	15.1
280	225	Bicker Hunter	235		5.4	12.6
530	430	Black	464		3.2	14.9
635	384	Brndbrnpwr†	429		2.7	19.1
265½	127½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	239		2.1	9.3
291	117	CML Micro	129		5.9	9.9
39	17	Channel Hldgs†	23		7.2	6.5
389½	19	Chloride	224½		1.6	59.6
80	51	Clayhithe	71		5.4	17.7
398	105	Capynsac	398		4.9	27.1
170	41½	Cray Elect	46		6.8	
648	461	Crtchley	622	+ 5	2.0	21.1
620	330	Diadm Ds Sys	570	+ 5	0.4	30.7
323	209	Dsltrl	315	+ 4	4.7	14.2
565	435	Domnin	455		2.8	15.0
72	62	Downing Mdc	62		5.5	16.4
2250	1465	Duck	2190		0.7	28.7
3340½	2518½	Electrolux 'B'	3253½	+ 34½	4.7	10
345	26	Emess	315		1.0	30.4
1659½	850	Ericsson 'B'	1378½	+ 3½	1.0	31.6
104	64	Eurocopy	78		3.4	15.6
575	370	Eurotherm	571		1.4	25.9
542	375	Fairey Group	520	+ 2	3.8	21.8
514	165	Filtronic Com	498		0.2	91.0
640	195	Fernand Gp	640	+ 30	1.2	35.6
100	40	Fernand Tech†	82		3.8	11.4
341	269	GEC	339		4.4	15.2
171	122	Gamsby	143		4.0	18.8
194	150	Gastings	190		2.2	15.4
168	145	Champrdn Hld	163		5.6	9.6
378	294	Chenwsy	376		3.4	18.0
230	158	Glade Bowers	185	- 4	4.1	
432½	302	Gothamcrp	422	+ 21	2.5	26.3
725	505	Cohen (A)	690		1.2	6.0
203	168	Comandric	171	- 3	4.6	13.0
243	210	Cook (Wm)	215		4.9	8.7
249	169½	David Brown†	217		4.1	14.3
133	68	Dobson Park	120		5.0	26.8
187	130	Dpc	185		4.1	14.2
115	91	Elliott (B)	115		3.0	12.1
93	71	Expamet	91		2.3	17.2
184	130½	Fll	157	+ 4	3.7	15.3
157	119½	Fenner	147	- 8	3.1	
153	96	Pressac	145		3.0	
139	77	Gill Int	134	+ 2	2.8	16.4
199	117	Gordon Engr	192		3.7	10.4
376	292	Glynwell†	319	+ 4	4.9	12.8
139	109	Glenpower	129		5.1	
89	59	Hadleigh	89		3.3	21.6
199	133	Hadleigh Inf	182		2.1	15.3
215	135	Hall Eng	199		3.8	
175	133½	Halma	172		1.5	23.1
57	38	Hampson Ind	51½		5.3	9.9
37	19	Hay (Norman)	30			
57	38	Hill & Smith	55		6.8	13.3
59	32	Hopkinsonsf	32		3.2	
34	26	How Grp†	34		2.8	
80	74	Howden	80		4.2	10.6
219	162	Hunting†	206		6.1	18.3
348½	286	Ifi	333	+ 4	4.1	29.2
67	49½	Johnson & Fll	63		0.6	65.4
614	499	Johnson Matth	601		3.0	18.1
90	58	Jones Stephen	90			
548	310	Kelsey Ind	510		3.9	13.0
290	265	Lincat	286		3.6	14.1

ENGINEERING

347	167	Abl	300		1.9	
97	47½	Apv	83		4.6	
248	158	Asw	158		6.0	7.6
37	24	Aaron Hamblin	36			
142	82	Abtt	144		1.1	
168	133	Ash & Lacy†	165		4.9	11.4
638	538	Atlas Copco†	635		4.3	22.2
153	118	Aynsbire Metal	130		5.3	7.5
102	79	Bl Group	100		6.0	12.8
187	112½	Babcock	164	- 1	1.2	
185	155	Bhh	180		5.8	
46	27	Barnes (Charles)	31	- 1	2.7	17.5
39½	24	Beaufard	24½		3.3	9.6
130	90	Bittons	120		5.5	
421	308	Bodycote	418		1.8	21.3
97	33	Brook Inds	35	+ 1		
31	13½	Bronnley	17½		4.2	
157½	122½	Bridon'N'	128		4.0	16.1
786	418½	Br Aerospace†	730	+ 1	1.9	27.3
191	144	Br Steel	157½	- ½	6.9	7

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Hurricanes and subsidence spoil GA results

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

CARIBBEAN hurricanes, subsidence claims and increasing competition in the insurance market has led General Accident to report lower than expected pre-tax profits for the first nine months to September 30.

A rise in pre-tax profit to £346.6 million (£323.7 million) masked a difficult third quarter in which GA's worldwide underwriting deficit rose from £3 million last year to £51.6 million, and profit from UK personal motor and property insurance fell sharply.

Large claims and subsidence losses in the UK accounted for a £23 million loss, while a further £26 million loss came from hurricane damage in North America and the Caribbean. Overall, pre-tax profit for the three months to September fell to £92.6 million (£119.7 million). Third-quarter personal motor insurance profits halved to £3.4 million (£7.6 million) and personal property fell £16.4 million to £7.6 million.

After promising six-month figures, the City had expected better results and the shares slid 7p to 629p. However, analysts regard most of the losses as one-offs and forecast GA's full-year profits at £440 million (£428 million).

Meanwhile plans by GA, to buy Provident Mutual for £170 million are expected to be approved tomorrow by policyholders at the mutual life insurers' extraordinary meeting.

The deal is seen as good for GA shareholders but less so for Provident's 500,000 policyholders. GA has long wanted to build its pension side and the deal will more than double funds under management at its life operations to £14 billion. It will be funded via a placing at 600p to raise £135 million. In the UK, long-term life business profits rose from £37 million to £44.9 million and new business was maintained in a difficult market. Nelson Robertson, chief executive, said the UK insurance market was "becoming increasingly competitive" but added that, in spite of the exceptional losses, an underwriting profit of £109.7 million had been made (£158 million).

In the commercial motor account, a third-quarter deficit of £4.9 million (£3.2 million profit), included a claims estimate of £4.5 million on a single incident when eight people were killed and 32 injured in a coach accident at Raglan, Gwent. This wiped out six-month profits, plunging the account £1.8 million into the red (£6.9 million profit).

GA's solvency margin — shareholders' funds as a percentage of non-life income — is 70 per cent, above its 1993 level. Net asset value per ordinary share is 578p and earnings per share 52.3p (52.4p).

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Core problem: Borthwicks, the international food flavourings group, warned investors yesterday that its growth rate in the current half of its business year would fall short of its "excellent" summer performance. Peter Brackenridge, executive chairman, left, with Kirk Veal, managing director, said the business outlook for the six months to the end of March remained "sound". The interim dividend was held unchanged at 0.5p per share. Earnings per share moved ahead to 1.75p from 1.33p. Pre-tax profit increased to £1.5 million from £924,000. Turnover was almost £2.5 million higher at £17.3 million.

Bank of Ireland advances

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANK OF IRELAND boosted profits in each of its divisions, unveiling a 14.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to IrE191.8 million in the half year to September 30.

Bad debt provisions rose from IrE11.5 million to IrE12.4 million after the bank increased the size of its general provision for possible future bad debts by IrE8 million.

The net interest margin dropped from 4.1 per cent to 4 per cent, partly caused by an increase in the number of customers with interest-paying accounts.

The interim dividend has been increased by 17 per cent from Ir4.25p to Ir5p, due to be paid on January 9.

The bank has decided to reduce its requirements on dividend cover from 3.5 times to around 3 times over the next two years, so there is the potential for a faster increase in dividend.

Maurice Keene, deputy chief executive, said that given forecasts for the Irish economy, the bank "is not aware of any storms brewing" and should have a satisfactory second half.

Property dividend to be held

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GREAT Portland Estates, the property group, gave warning yesterday that it expected to pay an unchanged full-year dividend, as it announced a small rise in interim profits.

Profits grew 10 per cent to £23.8 million, helped by an improved £2.2 million of profits from sales. But with its second-half results expected to be broadly in line with the interims, the company would pay an unchanged 8.75p at the year-end.

Great Portland, which has a major part of its portfolio in the West End of London, is troubled by a poor recovery in rent levels and patchy tenant demand. Vacant space has been reduced during the past six months to 2 per cent, but the company expects this level to rise again as more buildings come on to the market in the next six months.

During the past six months it has acquired £31 million-worth of property, including George House in Glasgow, in a strategy to reduce its reliance on central London.

The share price fell 1p to 165p. An interim dividend of 2.9p is to be paid on January 4.

Daimler forecasts big loss

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

DAIMLER-BENZ, the struggling German industrial flagship has issued a stern warning to investors that the strong mark and the massive provisions for its aerospace arm will mean "severe losses" for the full year.

The Stuttgart group, which achieved a 1994 net profit of only DM895 million on DM104 billion turnover, stunned the market in September with far worse than expected first-half figures, which showed a DM1.57 billion net loss and DM1.2 billion of provisions.

Manfred Gentz, the finance director, said that the high value of the mark and the provisions for structrual adjustments in the aircraft division of Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) would cause "severe damage" to this year's net result.

Group sales in the first nine months were 3 per cent higher at DM72.5 billion, with Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicles and the debis services arm performing particularly well. In spite of adverse currency developments, the group still expects full-year sales this year to exceed the 1994 level.

In September, the company said that it expected its losses to narrow in the second half. Yesterday, Herr Gentz said that cost-cutting in all divisions and the continued favourable performance of Mercedes-Benz and debis would make a positive contribution to earnings this half.

Jürgen Schrempp, the management board chairman who took over the helm at Daimler-Benz this year from Edzard Reuter, the man who took the company down the much-criticised road towards becoming an "integrated technology" group, emphasised that the group was keeping up the "brisk pace" of its cost-cutting and structural readjustment.

Cost cuts pay off for Dickie

A downturn in the construction equipment sector pushed James Dickie, the engineering components manufacturer, to reduce costs and, as a result, to pull in new customers.

The results of its marketing and efficiency efforts bolstered performance and, in the year to August 31, it drummed up new business worth £7 million. Annual sales leapt 42 per cent to £30.8 million.

Pre-tax profit increased 51 per cent to £2 million and the final dividend, payable December 19, was set at 3.5p, which marked a rise for the year of 57 per cent.

Dividend up

Chamberlin & Hill, the Walsall foundries-to-electrical components group, has lifted its interim dividend by 0.25p to 2.50p per share on the back of a 44 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £923,000 in the six months to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 8.52p (5.94p). First-half turnover was 17 per cent up at £13.5 million. Operating profit was 33 per cent ahead at £948,000.

JM forecast

Worldwide platinum demand will rise 4 per cent to a high of 4.71 million ounces this year, Johnson Matthey, the precious metals technology group, predicts in its 1995 interim review of platinum group metals. But it says increased South African and Russian supplies will again leave the market in surplus.

Dealer ahead

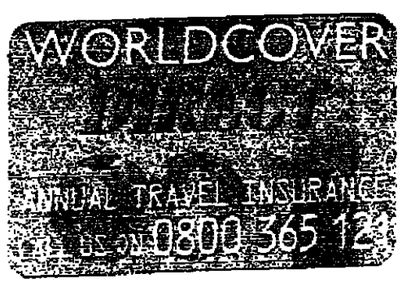
BMG Charles Sidney, the car dealership, made profits of £3.65 million for the year to August 31, up 30 per cent on last year. Turnover more than doubled to £186 million, helped by the acquisition of Bletchley Motor Group this year. The share price was 79p (77p); the dividend is 3.7p (3.5p), payable January 22.

Offer accepted

Menvier-Swain has declared its £10.5 million recommended offer for Scantronic unconditional after receiving acceptances from shareholders representing 78.8 per cent of the ordinary shares. It has also received acceptances in respect of 54 per cent of convertible preference shares.

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Inside the office of the future

Workplace at Olympia will help managers plan tomorrow's world, says Rodney Hobson

Cordless, paperless and available anywhere — the office of the future will attract up to 10,000 business managers to Olympia, London, next week.

Workplace '95 is intended to be an event, not an exhibition. It will bring together the latest furniture and technology to show how the office is adapting to the more flexible working practices demanded in the office of the 1990s.

The driving force behind Workplace '95, which opens on Sunday and runs for four days, is Pat Mitchell, who has herself been a facilities manager and was marketing director of a large office furniture manufacturer.

For the past ten years she has been at Cornell University in America looking at new working practices. She now works as a consultant and is chairman of the steering committee that has organised the event. "I have been studying the office of the future all round the world for all that time even though it has only just become a buzz word," she says. "My work has been mostly on the management side looking at new working patterns."

Five years ago she wrote a brief for a new kind of event that would bring together office furniture suppliers and technological experts. "The industry needed a major event in the UK that presented the latest thinking on workplace organisation and design and at which the emphasis was on how the products could best be applied to suit specific situations," she says.

She got the backing of the Office Furniture and Filing Manufacturers Association, the Federation of Electronics Industry and the British Contract Furnitures Association. Ms Mitchell says: "I told them that they did not need a furniture exhibition. But customers would come to see new technology, new furniture and new techniques all put together. It would shape company policy.

"Visitors will be looking at business re-engineering and more flexible working and will want to see the furniture and technology to support those changes.

"The businessman does not want to be told how many megabites a piece of equipment has, he wants to know how it can be applied. That is why we have made the hub the centre of the event. The discussions are the centrepiece. Visitors will be there to talk about the future as well as to see it."

The hub is the centrepiece where visitors and exhibitors can take part in round table discussions, listen to talks and debates or book a session in a business clinic. The hub will include pavilions featuring the paperless office, the cordless office — which dispenses with miles of telephone trunking — and the "virtual office" that allows staff to function wherever they are.

A lighting pavilion will show how lighting can be used to improve office environment. Around the hub will be more than 100 exhibitors.

Workplace '95 fills a gap that has existed since the International Business Show ceased in the mid 1980s. Orgatec, held in Cologne, Germany, in even numbered years, is already established as an important office venue.

Workplace, if it is a success, will complement Orgatec by being held in the odd numbered years, with possibly a symposium in the intervening year to keep the ball rolling.

Hugh Paul, sales and marketing director of K+N International, welcomes the initiative even though the company he works for has a German parent, Konig+Neurath. He says: "Once every two years at Orgatec is not frequent enough to beat the drum. A fair number of UK companies go to Cologne and there is bound to be a higher proportion here. I am convinced there is room for both events."

K+N makes adjustable desks and chairs suitable for shared workstations. They are especially useful for wheelchair users who often require a raised worktop. At Workshop '95 it will unveil its Syncrona product that synchronises the movement of desk and chair.

Mr Paul says: "Syncrona is aimed at the dedicated computer user. There is a hinged desk mechanism so that as you lean back in your chair you can pull the desk with you. The VDU will stay at the correct distance from your eyes and at the correct viewing angle. If you sit up all bright and perky the screen is at the back of the desk sloping down. If you lean back the screen moves up the desk and straightens. It lets you move around the workstation. It is very useful for staff who sit with telephone headsets and type into the computer.

"People do not sit in a constant position. Even if they are in the approved position for sitting at a screen they will get stiff," he says.

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Fair trading report hit by snarl-up

Photocopier users criticise inquiry

Photocopier users fear that the issue of unfair contracts will be jammed in the machinery of the Office of Fair Trading. *Rodney Hobson writes.* The latest findings in a series of inquiries that has been going on for five years will probably not be reported until early next year.

Meanwhile, the Photocopier & Business Equipment Users Association says, customers enmeshed for years in disputes over unsuitable machines are still ploughing their way through the courts.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, reported on the photocopier industry in March 1994. He strongly criticised dealers and leasing companies, saying his investigators had uncovered "an extraordinary variety of malpractices and excesses", and he put forward a range of recommendations for reform. That June he gave photocopier leasing companies three months to improve standards, saying he would launch a further review in early 1995.

A spokesman for OFT conceded that the latest inquiry had taken a long time, but said OFT was committed to keeping the industry under review. The spokesman admitted that some photocopier suppliers had failed to supply information by the deadline, and OFT had been hampered by the slow response. He said that consumer reaction was being taken into account: "That's what started the whole thing off."

The Equipment Users Association said, however, that it had not been contacted for comments in the current inquiry and was concerned that the views of users would be ignored.

Paul Jones, who mans the association's hotline, says: "We have doubts about whether the report will go ahead. There has been a lot of prevarication.

"The first investigation produced an outline of what went wrong but not what to do about it."

● *The Photocopier and Business Equipment Users Association hotline is 0991 123154.*

Companies face changes to assist disabled workers

After unsuccessful attempts by various backbenchers to introduce Bills to improve the lot of the disabled, government legislation to outlaw discrimination in employment received the Royal Assent last week, *Rodney Hobson writes.*

The implications for facilities managers are serious. Estimates of the potential cost of the Disability Discrimination Act range from enormous to absolutely horrendous. Although the provisions of the Act do not come into effect until next autumn, employers will need to start thinking about making alterations to premises.

On the Government's own figures, the direct cost to employers of taking on disabled people will be about £8 million. Adapting buildings and improving access for the disabled could cost from £380 million to £1.13 billion. In addition to clauses dealing with employment, there is a section in the new legislation on the provision of services. Companies such as hotels and bus operators will pick up a bill.

The Act introduces a statutory right for employees and prospective employees not to be discriminated against on the grounds of disability. It replaces the existing 50-year-old law that places on employers an obligation to take on a quota of registered disabled people, usually 3 per cent of the workforce.

Michael Ryley, an employment law specialist at Trowers & Hamlins, solicitors, describes the old law as toothless and a nonsense. He says: "A lot of people were not aware of the quota system and many employers who did know about it did not put it into operation. The Government realised there was a growing need for the law to be reformed so it introduced its own Bill."

Mr Ryley believes the Act will mean greatly expanded employment opportunities for disabled people, but it will expose employers to possible industrial tribunal awards on top of the cost of compliance with the new code. He says: "While the old legislation was largely ignored in practice, employers cannot afford to ignore the new law."

The Disability Discrimination Act will operate basically along similar lines to legislation on sex and race discrimination. It will be effective when a disabled person applies for a job, is in a job or is fired from a job.

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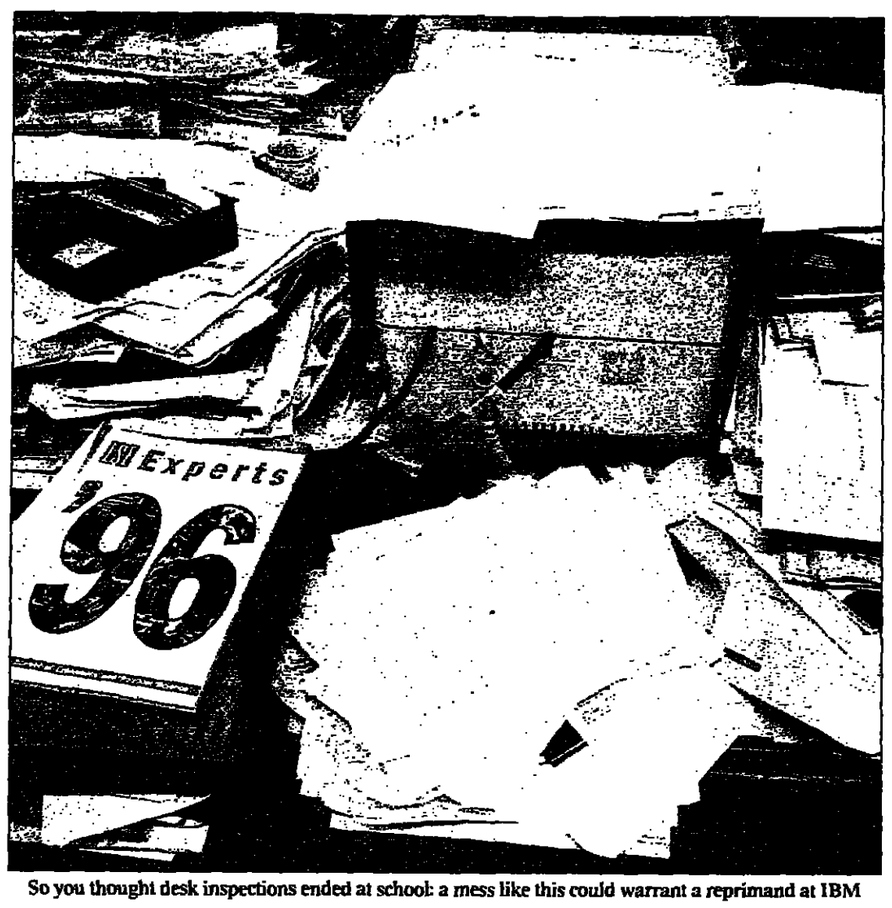
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Tony Dawe rises early to find out how tidiness can help a company to clean up

Up with the lark for the dawn desk patrol



So you thought desk inspections ended at school: a mess like this could warrant a reprimand at IBM

As dawn breaks over Bedfont Lakes, west London, a woman in a business suit bustles through the autumn leaves to the main entrance of IBM's international marketing centre.

She looks unremarkable in the best traditions of her profession, for Marian Parker is on a spying mission. Only the knowing wink she exchanges with the security man reveals that she is operating with IBM's blessing.

Ms Parker is carrying out a dawn patrol, before staff arrive for work, to check that they have left their offices neat and tidy and, above all, secure. Woe betide anyone guilty of what she terms "a violation": they will be reported in triplicate and repeat offences could seriously damage their career prospects.

She is the image, space and facilities planner for Procord, the FM company which runs the centre for IBM. Her dawn patrol fits into the "image" part of her title.

She swoops on one group of offices at a time, targeting an average of 24 desks. This morning, a worrying sight immediately meets her eyes: a computer left logged on atop a filing cabinet. It should have been switched off and replaced on the correct desk. This failure earns the guilty occupant a mark of one out of five.

She frowns at a tatty poster stuck on the side of another filing cabinet, at flip chart packaging left on the floor and at boxes stuffed untidily under one desk. "This does not present the image that IBM wants to project, especially as customers are flying in from all over Europe to visit these offices," Ms Parker says.

Safety and security are just as important as image. Peter Lawson, the general service specialist and her assistant, crawls under desks to inspect plugs and power points. Every plug must be checked by an engineer at least once a year and labelled. He finds all is well.

His delight is tempered by the discovery of a set of keys left in a filing cabinet. They should have been locked away in the key safe, a failure which will earn someone else a black mark. Ms Parker and Mr Lawson decide, however, that a toy rabbit left on top of one computer is acceptable and no marks will be deducted from its owner.

"The regime may sound strict," Ms Parker says, "but we have a system in place that works and that makes the whole facility and working relationships more successful."

The basic rules are that all members of staff should leave their desks clean and tidy and their cupboards locked when they go home or to lunch or meetings. Hard copy, disks and tapes should be locked away, confidential documents collected from the print room and ones which are no longer needed put in the shredder. "The clear desk policy follows you wherever you go, in conference rooms and other people's offices," Ms Parker says.

Security staff check that the policy is being obeyed in each department four times a year, while Ms Parker conducts her "image surveys" once a year.

Copies of her report, giving each work station a mark from one to five, are sent to the head of department, to his or her superior, to the IBM property portfolio manager and to Procord's manager on the site.

"The report is sent to so many people to ensure that something is done about it," Mr Lawson says. "It is up to the department manager to make sure that these violations are handled but if a follow-up check carried out within a couple of weeks shows faults are continuing, his superiors will get involved."

> Repeat offences could seriously damage their career prospects

One reason for the policy is that IBM has introduced desk-sharing, especially among sales staff who spend a large part of their working lives away from the office. A computerised diary system will indicate that Mr Smith's desk is vacant this afternoon so that Miss Jones can use it, but Mr Smith will need to clear his files, most of which will stay in the office.

This requires space planning, which occupies most of Ms Parker's time. The hot-desking policy has been so successful that in the three years since the 187,000 sq ft Bedfont Lakes centre opened, staff numbers have increased from 750 to 1,300 while the total allocation of desks and storage has remained almost static.

Electronic filing has helped to achieve this but Ms Parker says: "We still have people who prefer to use paper in a filing system." Each "mobile worker" is provided with a fixed amount of space for files and personal effects while "permanent workers" get an extra cupboard beneath their desks. Centralised storage is provided by 300 Kardex Systems "Times-Two" units, consisting of two floor-to-ceiling filing systems which revolve at the touch of a foot pedal. Each department has to renegotiate its storage provision regularly with Ms Parker and pay for any extra facilities.

"We challenge departments' storage all the time because as the ratio of people sharing desks goes up, so the storage needs to increase," she says.

"If a team needs extra storage, it must do its own review and justify what it wants. Often, I will approach adjacent departments to see if they have excess capacity. But the open aspect of the offices encourages departments to communicate all the time, which means one will often offer another extra storage before I am approached."

When it comes to the clear desk policy, however, Ms Parker ensures that this teamwork is replaced by a fierce sense of competition among departments — she publishes a league table, based on the marks given to the desks in each department.

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The sales director of a cleaning products company has suggested a way for facilities managers to save money on outsourcing: get the staff to clean their own equipment. *Rodney Hobson writes.*

This would not only save money but would improve health, hygiene, aesthetics and motivation in the workplace, says Owen Lambkin at Automation Facilities, one of the leading European manufacturers of computer and office cleaning equipment and maintenance products.

Mr Lambkin argues that while contracting out operations can save money, the reverse can be true. "In the ten years since facilities management began to emerge as a workable idea, the office environment has changed radically and often beyond recognition," he says. "Computers, laser printers, fax machines, photocopiers and complex telephone systems now adorn our desks at great capital cost. But while most organisations invest considerable sums in employing outside contractors to conduct general cleaning duties, who takes responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the technological tools on which we now rely?"

He argues that specialist computer cleaning firms are thin on the ground and commercial cleaners would probably prefer not to have the responsibility for keyboards and computer disk drives.

"The answer lies in the introduction of a clean office policy within a company's facilities management system," he says. "It works by encouraging employees to take responsibility themselves for the upkeep and appearance of their equipment. It takes just minutes each week."

Tasks would include cleaning computer heads regularly to prevent costly downtime, sanitising communal telephones to prevent cross-infection and cleaning day-to-day equipment such as fax machines and photocopiers to ensure efficiency.

"At the heart of the clean office philosophy are an organisation's employees, who are encouraged to ask a series of questions," he says. "Are we making the most of our new equipment or are we being hampered, irritated and even endangered by dirty screens, sticky keyboards and contaminated earpieces? Have our cleaning programmes kept pace with progress or do we draw a line at a duster and a vacuum cleaner? When was the last time the screen of my computer monitor was cleaned properly?"

Mr Lambkin says that static electricity attracts dust and dirt into machinery as well as on to screens. He says: "The chances are that this has not occurred to staff and there is no reason why it should have. You would soon notice if your floor was not vacuumed or if your desk was not dusted. But static cannot be seen and the dust and dirt it attracts is hardly visible until it builds up, blurring the screen image and increasing the possibility of errors and eye strain.

"Computer monitors are the most visible area where dirt collects yet, because they are in front of us constantly, we may be unaware of the very gradual build-up of contamination as it slowly compromises the clarity of our work and the aesthetics of our working environment."

Dust, dirt, fluff and crumbs accumulate in keyboards, and perspiration turns sticky on the key faces. The operation of the computer mouse will deteriorate as the roller ball gathers grime.

"The most noticeable and contentious problem is the photocopier, the workhorse of every office that almost everyone neglects but which is still expected to produce clean copies month in, month out," he says. "Only when marks appear on the paper or when the system jams do we consider cleaning and maintenance — and then it is invariably time to call a mechanic."

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Higher Inc Inc	417.70	444.40†	+ 0.70	4.18
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	202.00	213.30	+ 0.60	5.66
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	92.87	98.09	+ 0.26	5.66
Nth America	335.10	356.50†	..	..
Europe	310.20	330.10	+ 0.10	0.80
Brit Excell	81.46	86.66†	+ 0.35	3.81
Brit Fxd/Idx Acc	109.60	116.70	...	4.79
Brit Fxd/Idx Inc	76.75	81.65	...	4.79
Global Opps	91.91	97.78†	- 0.01	0.27
Balanced Acc	58.62	62.37†	+ 0.10	3.00
Balanced Inc	59.08	59.67†	+ 0.08	3.00
Japan Acc	43.62	46.41†	- 0.48	..
Pac Basin Acc	359.50	382.50†	+ 1.50	1.04
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.60	138.50	+ 0.70	1.22
High Inc Equity	172.90	184.90†	+ 0.10	4.26
Worldwide Bond	287.20	304.60†	+ 1.40	4.50
Capital Growth				
American Growth	331.50	354.50	+ 0.70	0.36
Asian Pacific	290.60	310.80	- 0.90	..
Assets & Earnings	284.40	302.50†	+ 0.50	2.65
Comdty & Energy	112.60	120.40	+ 0.60	0.11
Euro Capital Inc	148.80	157.10	+ 0.35	0.62
-do- Accum	157.60	168.50	+ 0.30	0.81
General	257.20	273.80	+ 0.20	3.04
Japan	114.30	122.20	- 0.80	..
Mastertrust	147.30	157.50	..	1.50
US Emerging Cos	175.20	188.40	- 0.50	..
Ethical	72.42	77.04	+ 0.59	2.58
International	120.50	128.20	- 0.30	0.71
Dividend & Growth	65.00	69.15	- 0.01	4.08
Global Gwth & Sec	69.79	74.51	- 0.03	2.85
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1957.00	2034.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	52.67	54.70†	+ 0.14	0.56
Cash	50.46	50.46	+ 0.01	5.80
Emerging Mkts	60.86	64.52	- 0.51	0.05
European	127.10	132.90	- 0.10	..
Exempt	1005.70	1078.70†	+ 1.80	1.73
Extra Income #	48.89	52.09	- 0.07	6.53
Far East Emg Eco	117.80	118.60	- 0.10	0.53
Fixed Interest #	22.92	24.06†	..	9.78
Fund Inv Tst	163.00	171.60†	- 0.20	9.07
Japan	177.90	186.50	- 2.40	..
Latin American	42.46	44.56	- 1.10	1.10
Pacific	75.25	79.65	- 0.02	0.33
Property Share	60.88	63.90	+ 0.01	2.75
UK Emerging Cos	69.06	72.81	..	1.70
UK Growth	47.84	50.65†	+ 0.16	2.32
Abtr World Port #	76.02	77.46†	+ 0.09	2.12
Ethical	70.45	73.96	+ 0.06	2.38
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.80	50.80	+ 0.06	7.39
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	93.54	99.51†	+ 0.60	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property	97.50	104.00	+ 0.10	5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.68	85.60	+ 0.10	2.39
Income Builder Inc	75.12	79.92	+ 0.21	2.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts:				
Growth & Income	252.40	269.80†	+ 1.10	2.89
Capital	446.60	477.40†	+ 1.40	1.73
Balanced	743.90	795.20	+ 1.90	2.50
Accumulation	1402.00	1498.00†	+ 4.00	2.71
Income Trusts:				
American Income	54.35	58.10	- 0.16	3.06
High Income	415.40	444.00	- 1.10	3.49
Equity Income	233.70	249.80	+ 0.60	3.33
High Yield	252.30	269.70†	+ 0.70	3.20
Govt Securities	33.79	35.68†	+ 0.07	5.94
International Trusts:				
Amer Spec Sits	179.80	192.20	- 0.60	0.36
European Growth	42.60	45.37	+ 0.05	0.01
International	169.80	181.40	- 0.30	0.18
Japan	188.10	200.90	- 0.40	0.01
Pacific	389.70	385.20	- 1.20	0.07
Secs of America	511.70	544.90†	- 2.90	0.42
Worldwide Asset Val	50.16	53.62	- 0.17	0.22
Specialist Trusts:				
Asset Value	564.80	603.50	+ 1.70	2.11
Conv & Gilt	44.34	47.39	+ 0.09	4.90
Smaller Cos	188.60	201.60†	+ 0.30	1.10
2nd Smaller Cos	178.70	191.00	+ 0.20	1.27
Recovery	148.60	158.60†	+ 0.40	1.65
Met Min & Cdty	161.40	172.50†	+ 0.40	0.69
Ocean Emerging	375.70	401.60	- 0.50	1.68
Technology	211.20	225.70†	- 2.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	514.90	550.40†	+ 2.80	1.57
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Constr Ind Pens	107.20	111.30		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	64.90	67.42		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	74.63	79.39	+ 0.51	1.80
International	63.81	67.88		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	285.90	306.70	+ 0.70	..
Bond	117.00	122.10†	+ 0.50	6.80
Brit Smlr Cos	109.10	116.10	- 0.10	1.70
Conv & Gen #	68.75	73.14†	+ 0.23	5.36
Europe	230.70	245.40†	+ 0.20	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	104.00	111.10†	- 0.30	0.63
Income Gwth	371.90	395.60	- 0.60	3.89
Japan	306.00	325.80†	- 3.50	..
Latin American	60.73	64.61	- 0.47	..
Pacific	99.92	106.30		1.32
UK Smlr Cos	58.29	62.01	- 0.02	1.31
Japan Fd	652.80	673.20	- 7.20	..
Mngd Fd	186.50	198.00†	+ 0.70	3.00
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Ossas	325.60	342.80	+ 1.30	0.84
Capital Gwth	117.50	123.70	+ 0.20	2.65
Wealth Opps	198.70	209.20	+ 0.50	0.86
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bicl Inv Fd Inc	374.70	398.30†	+ 2.50	2.67
European Bd Inc	94.34	97.66	+ 0.17	6.86
General	75.86	80.23†	+ 0.32	4.22
Financial	89.37	95.58	+ 0.64	2.58
500	485.50	503.30	+ 0.40	2.62
General	288.80	309.20†	+ 0.90	2.85
Property	243.60	261.40		6.98
Trustee	204.10	217.80	+ 1.20	2.32
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.58	100.50†		5.93
Extra Income #	125.20	133.90†	+ 0.30	5.03
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.39	60.35	+ 0.11	8.27
Income	553.90	592.40	+ 1.60	3.63
Income Builder #	65.49	69.86	+ 0.12	5.61
Intl Income	65.67	70.07	+ 0.23	3.25
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	127.70	136.20	+ 0.60	2.35
Leisure	145.00	155.10	+ 0.50	1.04
Recovery	438.60	469.10	+ 1.80	2.71
Smllr Cos Inc	47.56	51.00	- 0.01	2.25
Special Sits	325.70	348.40	+ 1.80	1.49
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	153.30	163.00†	+ 0.60	0.29
Aust Acc	256.70	274.40	+ 2.20	2.18
Aust Inc	156.60	167.40	+ 1.40	2.18
Euro Gwth Inc	162.30	172.30	+ 0.20	0.77
-do- Accum	173.20	188.10	+ 0.30	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	155.20	164.30	- 2.60	..
-do- Accum	157.00	166.20	- 2.60	..
Japan Spec Sits	71.42	76.05	- 1.20	..
Univ Tech Inc	89.81	95.54	- 0.12	..
Worldwide	176.00	186.80	+ 0.10	0.59
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	113.10	119.60	+ 0.30	..
Amer Smlr Cos	154.30	165.30	+ 0.40	..
Convertibles	53.27	57.18		5.70
Eastern	283.80	298.50	+ 0.40	0.30
Equity Income	87.44	93.74†	+ 0.43	4.10
European Growth	322.60	342.10	+ 1.30	0.80
Europe	268.50	285.10	+ 0.90	0.20
German Growth	78.75	83.62	+ 0.35	0.50
Global Bond	67.44	71.00	+ 0.35	6.50
Global Growth	135.70	144.50	- 0.40	..
Japan Growth	194.50	207.20	- 1.70	..
Japan Sunrise	148.00	157.40	- 1.50	..
Korea Trust	77.17	84.50	- 0.25	..
Portfolio	134.80	144.30		2.30
-do- Accum	251.20	268.80	+ 0.10	2.30
UK Growth	86.09	92.19	+ 0.32	2.79
UK Smaller Cos	82.76	90.30†	+ 0.16	2.50
Select Managers	79.82	85.48	+ 0.18	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	82.23	87.48	+ 1.50	
Special Oppor Inc	55.85	59.41	+ 1.20	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	119.60	126.56†	+ 0.49	1.54
-do- Accum	136.85	144.81	+ 0.56	1.54
Smaller Cos	121.28	128.34†	- 0.08	0.79
Higher Yield #	49.37	52.24†	+ 0.22	4.30
American Gth Inc	82.41	87.21	- 0.82	..
European Growth	148.33	154.84	- 1.36	0.82
-do- Accum	149.21	157.89	- 1.39	0.82
Global Bond Inc #	27.64	28.64	+ 0.07	7.17
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	43.37	47.89†	- 0.11	1.46
-do- Accum	46.53	49.21	- 0.11	1.48
Intl Spec Opps	129.42	136.98	- 0.49	..
Pacific Gth	125.64	133.27	+ 0.25	0.38
UK General #	83.09	87.93	+ 0.27	3.17
-do- Accum #	86.55	91.58	+ 0.28	3.17
Gilt	56.87	60.18	- 0.61	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.27	103.90	+ 0.20	8.59
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 460 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.60	67.64	+ 0.11	6.29
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	168.10	178.90	+ 0.20	1.76
UK Growth	184.30	196.10	+ 0.80	2.12
UK Income	137.60	146.40†	+ 0.40	4.44
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	209.60	222.20	+ 0.70	1.79
-do- Income Dist	112.80	119.50		4.18
-do- Accum	355.00	376.30	+ 0.10	4.18
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.31	43.79	+ 0.18	6.22
Growth Units	222.90	238.40	+ 1.20	1.12
Bond	173.80	183.00	+ 0.90	6.43
Intl Growth	223.30	236.70	- 0.10	0.45
North American	222.00	237.50	+ 0.90	0.32
Far East	273.90	292.90	+ 2.00	1.12
UK Smaller Cos	194.30	207.80	+ 0.60	1.96
European	88.15	93.76	+ 0.30	0.70
Japanese Growth	44.59	47.35	- 0.49	..
High Income	199.30	213.10†	+ 0.40	4.05
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	181.80	193.20	+ 0.70	..
European Inc	84.37	89.32	+ 0.23	1.17
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.93	97.80	+ 0.01	1.57
Growth	471.40	501.50	+ 0.50	1.65
Income & Growth #	429.60	457.00	- 0.60	3.95
-do- Accum #	625.50	665.50	- 1.30	3.93
Japan & Gen	64.45	68.41	- 0.68	..
Master Portfolio	£107.43	£111.03†	+26.00	2.34
-do- Accum	£130.26	£134.62	+32.00	2.34
Special Sits	110.20	117.30	+ 0.20	1.96
High Yield	£13.77	£14.20†	+ 5.00	4.44
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	91.43	97.88	+ 0.29	2.62
American Portfolio	107.38	113.95	+ 0.15	0.98
European Portfolio	108.54	115.80	- 0.41	0.49
High Income	90.95	51.97†	+ 0.09	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	64.07	68.13	- 0.60	..
Pacific Portfolio	132.28	147.62	+ 0.36	1.51
UK Inc & Growth	84.37	90.48	+ 0.39	3.14
Utility & Bond	57.09	57.74	+ 0.03	6.63
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	711.88	722.42	+ 5.14	4.40
Fxd Int Sec	156.21	156.83	+ 0.36	9.18
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	699.66	709.22	+ 4.03	4.50
Investment Acc	230.76	231.23	+17.70	..
Fixed Int Inc	126.56	127.08	+ 1.31	9.05
Fixed Int Acc	210.57	211.41	- 2.16	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 637 7567				
Intl Growth	117.35	120.72		
UK Income	118.56	120.00	..	6.33
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.86	92.75†	..	2.62
Beck Bio-Tech	37.48	41.21	..	..
Atom Ethical Tst	159.17	167.14	..	0.74
City Fin Assets	73.13	76.79†	..	2.12
City Fin America	95.73	100.53	..	..
City Fin Intl	83.07	87.22†	..	1.36
City Fin Japan	141.22	148.29	..	..
Friars Hse Cap	279.77	303.38	..	2.41
Friars Hse Inc	190.59	206.66†	..	4.81
Buckley Wrld Emr	132.82	140.79	..	..
Fairmnt Cap Gth	138.61	145.91†	..	..
Fleetwood Intl	146.83	154.56†	..	..
J Sid Img/Glob Inc	56.56	59.39	..	2
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.86	57.15	- 0.03	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	74.76	79.86	+ 0.12	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	0.00	0.00	..	..
Dragon Growth	64.12	68.57	+ 0.15	1.04
Equity High Inc	86.14	92.24	+ 0.11	4.16
-do- Accum	119.60	128.06	+ 0.14	4.16
Extra Income Inc	26.27	27.95†	+ 0.02	7.50
Extra Income Acc	27.34	28.77	+ 0.03	7.50
European Gwth	56.08	59.66	+ 0.42	1.16
Evergrow	27.48	29.39	+ 0.04	..
General Equity	91.91	96.59	+ 0.24	3.09
Japan Growth	47.87	51.20	- 0.55	..
Pedigree Gwth	55.15	59.21	+ 0.03	2.92
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.56	34.84†	+ 0.03	1.72
-do- Accum	34.28	36.48	+ 0.03	1.72
Retirement Inc #	26.48	28.17	+ 0.04	5.97
Special Sits	41.61	44.27	+ 0.05	2.19
UK & Overseas	52.31	55.65	+ 0.42	0.67
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	72.94	75.86	+ 0.13	2.00
Balanced	63.83	66.39	+ 0.11	4.23
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds:				
Equity Inc	165.03	176.63†	- 1.04	4.95
Fixed & Convertible	39.69	42.22†	- 0.12	6.89
Monthly Inc Plus	48.52	51.62	- 0.01	8.68
Preference Share	45.95	46.46†	- 0.03	8.04
Balanced Funds				
High Yield				
Managed Fund	126.20	134.26†	+ 0.56	6.05
UK Growth Funds	71.16	75.70†	+ 0.23	3.11
Smaller Cos	41.86	44.53	- 0.03	1.82
-do- Accum	48.73	51.84	+ 0.05	1.82
UK & General	86.97	92.46†	+ 1.62	2.76
-do- Accum	111.54	118.65†	+ 2.09	2.76
UK Growth	159.90	170.11	+ 0.78	2.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	193.35	205.69	- 0.39	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	123.06	130.91	+ 0.02	..
Global Bond	82.70	87.96†	- 0.35	6.02
Japan Growth	110.37	117.41	- 1.55	..
North Amer Gwth	201.20	214.04	- 1.45	..
Oriental Growth	73.96	78.68	- 0.37	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.73	72.05†	- 0.02	0.11
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.94	91.94†	+ 0.01	6.11
Homesteader Fund	84.17	89.54	+ 0.16	1.69
Quilter Fund	141.21	150.22	+ 0.54	2.03
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.41	34.68		3.43
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	168.60	179.40†	- 0.30	1.69
Income	70.99	75.52	- 0.06	5.62
European	64.37	68.48	+ 0.32	1.05
Recovery	168.50	179.30	+ 1.10	2.18
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	892.10	906.70		3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 698 370				
Fellowship Tst				
Income #	83.91	95.64†	+ 0.12	1.57
-do- Accum #	257.90	274.30†	+ 0.80	4.31
Smaller Cos	661.20	703.40†	+ 2.40	4.31
-do- Accum	192.90	205.20	- 0.20	1.01
Inv Portfolio	237.40	252.50	- 0.30	1.01
High Inc Port #	87.89	93.49	- 0.22	1.60
	75.72	80.55	+ 0.26	4.43
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1535.00	1584.60		
Japan Small Cos	1074.90	1096.30		
UK Small Cos	1305.50	1305.80		
US Small Cos	1841.80	1881.20†		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	218.40	229.90†		2.84
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	295.00	311.70	- 1.20	0.68
New Asia	207.90	222.10†	- 1.50	0.15
Japan Growth	105.10	111.90†	- 1.60	..
Jap Smllr Co	429.90	455.80	- 4.70	..
Nth Amer	338.90	349.90	- 3.30	0.84
UK Inc & Gth	224.40	238.50†	- 1.00	2.79
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	152.50	162.20	+ 0.30	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	159.50	169.60†	+ 0.70	4.25
-do- Accum	211.50	224.90†	+ 1.00	4.25
UK Fxd & F I Inc	59.52	63.12	- 0.19	4.97
Overseas Opps	91.69	97.54	+ 0.14	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	59.71	63.52	+ 0.09	0.01
Extra Income Inc	47.48	50.51	+ 0.05	15.44
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 525				
American	145.40	154.20†	+ 0.90	1.13
Convertibles #	21.25	22.58	+ 0.09	8.20
Equity Income #	133.30	141.80	+ 0.80	3.74
EuroFund	51.23	54.28	+ 0.38	0.37
Financial	47.82	50.81†	+ 0.10	1.48
Growth & Inc #	258.50	275.70	+ 2.10	2.79
High Dist #	165.00	175.30†	+ 1.20	4.28
International	386.90	411.10	- 0.30	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	85.45	101.98†	+ 0.20	2.70
Latin American	22.79	24.21	- 0.62	..
Pacific	75.62	80.24†	+ 0.27	..
Pref High Inc	21.39	22.73†	+ 0.08	7.35
Tokyo	212.30	225.40	- 0.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	252.10	267.90	- 0.10	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Opps				
Growth Acc	96.35	102.61	+ 0.43	1.36
Income	232.34	247.98	+ 0.06	0.38
Intl & General ‡	576.90	613.86	- 5.65	5.22
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	208.40	221.70†	..	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01298 431 480				
European	83.75	88.16	- 0.25	2.04
Ethical Tst	45.13	47.51	+ 0.02	1.24
Far Eastern	286.21	301.27	- 1.47	1.63
High Income	131.90	138.84†	+ 0.25	4.93
Intl Growth	120.50	126.84	- 0.48	0.54
North American	128.84	135.62	- 1.04	1.87
Pelican	125.76	132.40†	+ 0.27	3.39
Smaller Cos	87.32	70.86	+ 0.03	2.79
Special Sits	87.82	92.23	- 0.12	2.99
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.19	200.20	+ 0.46	1.25
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	194.60	207.02†	+ 0.04	1.36
Smaller Cos Acc	344.40	366.38†	+ 0.08	1.36
Recovery	48.86	51.98	+ 0.06	1.89
Recovery Acc	49.75	52.93	+ 0.06	1.89
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	86.98	93.28†	+ 0.02	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.98	50.11	+ 0.06	0.59
High Income #	41.10	44.05†	..	10.44
Managed	51.08	55.52†	+ 0.07	..
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UK Emerging Cos	72.08	76.68	+ 0.08	..
American	131.10	139.46	+ 0.05	..
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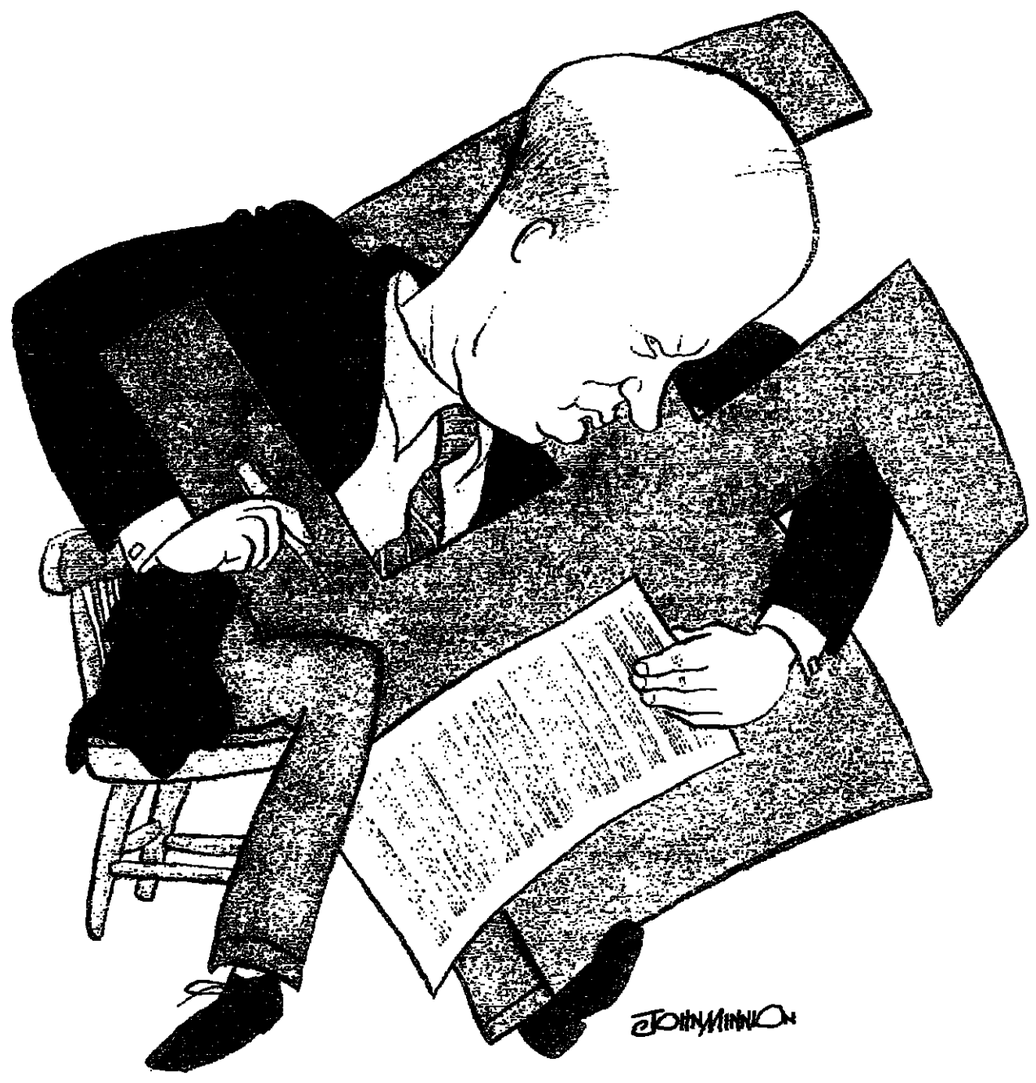


■ TOMORROW

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MUSIC: **Richard Morrison** previews the Royal Opera's staging of a masterpiece composed inside Nazi Germany

When tyrants call the tune



There is a savage passage in *Testimony*, the secret memoirs of Shostakovich, in which the Soviet Union's greatest composer rants against the Western press. "The typical Western journalist is an uneducated, obnoxious and profoundly cynical person. Every one of these pushy fellows wants me to answer his stupid questions 'daringly', and these gentlemen take offence when they don't hear what they want. Why do I have to answer? Why do I have to risk my life?"

One may well imagine the questions. What does Comrade Shostakovich *really* think about the dictatorship under which he lives? What does his music *really* mean? What were his feelings when Stalin's henchmen denounced him in 1936 and 1948? Come on, Dmitri, you can confide in me. Be outspoken. Be a hero. Give me a story.

To anybody who loves the arts, great artists *are* heroes. So when they refuse to behave heroically — and particularly when they seem to be colluding with evil authorities to buy themselves a quiet life — the sense of betrayal can be intense. Some commentators would even claim that there can be no great art produced at the behest of immoral regimes. That certainly seems to be the view purveyed by the Hayward Gallery's current *Art and Power* exhibition — in which some really grotesque art is brilliantly presented to support the thesis that virtually nothing of integrity was created in Italy, Spain, Russia or Germany while the monster dictators were in charge.

Yet musicians, at least, have always taken a circumspect view of their position in harsh regimes. To begin with, music is infinitely capable of conveying to sympathetic listeners a coded meaning which the uninitiated would find difficult to detect — or at least to prove. Consider how biblical stories of Jewish exile and captivity have been treated "covertly" by composers throughout the centuries. William Byrd, an English Catholic working under the scrutiny of Elizabeth I's spies, reserved his most intense music for biblical texts referring to the "lost city" or anticipating "liberation".

> "We need brave music. I mean brave because it is truthful"

Centuries later, the same subject-matter — transmuted into spirituals such as *Go down, Moses* or *Deep River* — became similarly symbolic of liberation to plantation slaves. Later still, when Verdi wrote his Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves in *Nabucco*, there was only one meaning for opera audiences in Milan: this was a cry for liberation from their hated Austrian rulers.

Shostakovich was the master of such covert meaning. Today most people believe his Fifth Symphony not to be a "Soviet Artist's Reply to Just Criticism", but the reverse: a fist raised in sardonic defiance. In other words, the music contradicts its official function. "We don't need brave words on music," Shostakovich said in *Testimony*. "We need brave music. I mean brave because *it is truthful*."

The German conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler probably took a similar view in Nazi Germany. If he could preserve the splendour of the Berlin Philharmonic and the glorious Austro-German musical heritage — and do a little to help Jewish colleagues in the process — then, he reasoned, putting up with Hitler was worth it. Whether it was right for a man of his supposed sensitivity to turn a blind eye to blatant evil (as Richard Strauss and Herbert von Karajan also did) is the central question of Ronald Harwood's fascinating play, *Taking Sides*. The secondary question, of course, is "what would you have done?"

Tomorrow these questions will be raised again, when the Royal Opera stages Paul Hindemith's masterpiece, *Mathis der Maler*, on the hundredth anniversary of the composer's birth. For this opera is expressly about the dilemma of how far an artist should engage with the politics of his times. And it was written at the very moment when that dilemma was most painful for Hindemith himself.

He was the most brilliant German composer of his generation, and perceived himself (rightly) as the heir to a tradition that stretched back beyond Bach to Schütz and the 16th-century masters whose music is often echoed in *Mathis*. And in the early 1930s his reputation was at its peak. There was but one cloud on his horizon: the sudden rise to power of the Nazis. Hindemith's wife was Jewish. So were his closest musical colleagues. It was not long before the Nazis were labelling him a *Kulturbolschewist* and suppressing his music. Many fellow musicians emigrated. Others disappeared.

This is the background against which *Mathis* was composed. The libretto (by Hindemith himself) tells of how the 16th-century German artist Matthias Grünewald, painter of the astounding Isenheim altarpiece, feels compelled to leave his sheltered life as court painter to the Archbishop of Mainz and play a part in the 1525 Peasants' Uprising. Direct engagement with the war leads to disillusion, however, and after a series of apocalyptic visions (taken by Hindemith directly from the iconography of the Isenheim altarpiece), *Mathis* realises that his mission should be to rise above temporal politics and reveal a higher truth through his art.

The contemporary significance of the work was apparent from the start. It was banned in Germany in 1934 and not premiered until 1938 in Zurich. Yet all Hindemith had done was to articulate a plea for the artist to be free to choose his own destiny. Even that was too much. In January 1935, the Nazi-controlled journal *Die Musik* wrote: "When a man like Hindemith lives and works for 14 years among Jews and feels himself at ease in their company, consorts almost exclusively with Jews, and is loved by them; when he commits the foulest perversions of German music, we have a right to reject him and his environment."

Obscene words. And yet Hindemith, though he travelled widely, maintained his German home *for another three years*. Not until 1938 did he flee to Switzerland, then America. Was he wrong to appease the Nazis for so long? Or was it a braver decision to stay and try to resist from within — in however small a way — than to run to safety abroad? The argument can never be absolutely settled.

What will be easier to judge after tomorrow is whether *Mathis* still has a message for us. Its Covent Garden director, the American controversialist Peter Sellars, has offered some characteristic provocation to hype up his staging. Referring to a "crackdown" on immigrants and homosexuals in present-day America, he notes that "these were the groups that were being attacked by Hitler, and now we are watching it all over again".

Well, anybody crass enough to compare 1995 California with 1935 Berlin ought to be sent to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC for a short but traumatic lesson in 20th-century history. The great achievement of Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Hindemith and all the other ostensibly "passive" geniuses who lived within totalitarian nightmares was that they used all their guile and craft to create art that spoke eloquently of their benighted condition, while managing to survive. They worked in perpetual fear of the midnight knock on the door, yet produced masterpieces. Would that the composers of our comparatively cosseted era could deliver operas with half the integrity of *Mathis der Maler*.

● *Mathis der Maler opens tomorrow at the Royal Opera House (0171-304 4000)*

Chris Parker taps an appreciative foot at the third London Jazz Festival

Free spirits in full flight



Russell: living jazz history

Given that the third London Jazz Festival's aim is to celebrate both the current "vibrant jazz scene" and the city's "position as a unique focal point for music worldwide", the choice of composer/jazz theorist **George Russell** as the event's first major international attraction was a singularly appropriate one. His 15-piece big band is the living embodiment of vibrancy, unrivalled in its ability to thrill mind and body alike; it also draws most of its personnel from a core of British musicians first assembled for Russell's first British tour a decade ago.

Russell rose to prominence in the late 1940s, working with Dizzy Gillespie on his most famous composition, *Cubana Be/Cubana Bop*, and this concert, virtually a chronological survey of his extraordinary output since then, began with this exploration of the ground between Latin music and bebop.

Lively and accessible as this, and all Russell's music is, however, it demands and richly rewards sustained and thoughtful attention. So it was no surprise to find that he devoted the bulk of the rest of a two-and-a-half-hour concert to just three pieces: *Living Time*, a 1972 commission for Bill Evans; the folksong-based *An American Trilogy* and *It's About Time*, a new piece commissioned by the Arts Council and Stockholm's Svenska Rikskonserter.

All three compositions showcased Russell's most immediately obvious skill: an ability to build and then sustain the most unrestrained musical climaxes this side of Scriabin's *Poem of Ecstasy*, but they also highlighted subtler aspects of his art. Few jazz composers, for instance, handle contrast, dynamic and textural, with such assurance; none so effortlessly weaves so much jazz history, from bebop through modal jazz to fusion and outright funk, into so rich and satisfying a tapestry of sound.

Personal, rather than jazz, history is woven into the music produced by **Giant Steppes**, British composer/saxophonist Diane McLoughlin's 17-piece big band.

Drawn partly from the heritage of her Ukrainian mother and partly from her own interests in everything from straightahead jazz and classical music to rock and funk, her compositions, notably the three-part *Ukrainian Suite*, are at once attractively punchy and highly emotive, imbued as they are with the plangent wistfulness found in East European folk music.

Although some of her pieces were a mite over-reliant on basic rock beats instead of subtler jazz rhythms, McLoughlin nevertheless demonstrated considerable skill in the deployment of her forces, enabling trombonists Annie Whitehead and Mark Bassey in particular to shine, and providing guest singer Ian Shaw with a couple of cogent vehicles for one of the most wide-ranging, flexible voices in the music.

One of the essential functions of festivals like this is to give young, relatively unknown players a chance to shine, and 22-year-old London-born composer/pianist **Nikki Yeoh** seized hers with both hands. Beginning her set with something of a novelty — duetting with a prerecorded video of herself — she swiftly showed that she combines the quickness and originality of thought of a jazz improviser with the restraint, delicacy and attention to nuance commonly associated with classical pianists.

Typically, she sets up a jaunty, percussive repeated figure, then bounces idiosyncratic, even quirky, extemporisations off it, producing music of arresting individuality.

It was left to an established master with nearly a dozen solo-piano albums under his belt, however, to provide the individual highlight of the festival thus far. Like George Russell in the big-band field, **Howard Riley** draws on the whole jazz-piano tradition in his solo playing, employing a faultless technique honed over 30 years to filter everything from stride through bop to free music through a fertile musical imagination.

Beginning an hour-long set with a wonderfully chunky version of Thelonious Monk's *Round Midnight*, and subsequently interspersing his own pieces with utterly individual versions of standards, Riley confirmed his reputation as one of the music's most accomplished and original pianists with an extraordinary display of fiercely concentrated but exhilarating improvisational imagination.

Flogging the dead horse of bias

Radio

THE Queen's Speech today will announce another Broadcasting Bill and one key battleground during its passage through Parliament is likely to be whether it should contain a clause imposing impartiality on broadcasters, including the BBC. That, along with two audience surveys last week, means the question of BBC bias is once more near the top of the agenda.

Neither survey, from the BBC itself and the Broadcasting Standards Council, had much comfort to offer Tory politicians who are said to be trying to rein in the BBC ahead of the general election campaign. The best that can be said in the politicians' cause is that, according to the BBC survey, 4 per cent of complaints are about bias and, in the bias category, 16 per cent concern political bias. People who claim to hear bias are split more or less 50-50 as to whether the BBC is Tory-biased or Labour-biased.

This is a thin string on which to hang an impartiality clause but of course the purpose of the Tory thunder is to intimidate the BBC in general, BBC Radio in particular and the *Today* programme most especially. This Government is not the first to want *Today* to transpose a couple of letters in its name and become the "Toady" programme.

About the only merit of a bias clause in the Act is that it would posit the prospect of a fantastic piece of entertainment: John Humphrys going to court to be cross-examined by some eminent QC. One could sell tickets for that.

The fact is that politicians queue to be interviewed on *Today* and then queue to complain about it. 'Twas ever thus. But the audience is clearly more sophisticated than the politicians, and knows the difference between aggression and bias.

Humphrys and Co are tough on Tories, less tough on politicians of a different hue. This is exactly as it should be, for John Major purports to run our lives whereas Tony Blair only aspires to do so.

The Government makes news every day, the Opposition is mostly concerned with reacting to that news. Thus, Labour politicians are broadcast attacking the Government while its own spokespersons get the treatment from Humphrys et al.

But the research shows that listeners see this as perfectly normal. Politicians bleating about bias are flogging a dead horse and the horse is no less deceased just because the Queen is required to ride it.

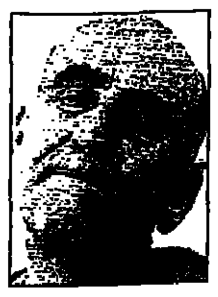
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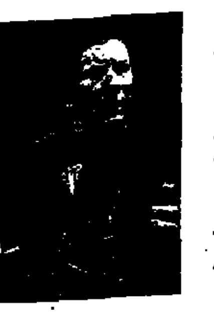
VENUE: From today in Huddersfield

THE TIMES ARTS



■ THEATRE 1

Modest amusement at the Bard's expense as *The Shakespeare Revue* comes into the West End



■ THEATRE 2

***The Dramatist*, a merry farce from the late 18th century, comes up fresh at the Lilian Baylis**

LONDON

HINDEMITH VIOLAS: Two fascinating festivals open today: contemporary Huddersfield (see below), and London's International Hindemith Festival. The great Japanese viola player Nobuko Imai is the director and key performer for this tribute to the composer and to the instrument which he played so masterfully. See feature, page 35
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight-Sun. ◙

SONGS OF ROMANCE: The celebrated young German conductor Manfred Honeck makes his debut with the BBC Symphony Orchestra tonight for a programme of luxuriant late-Romanticism. Webern's tone poem *Im Sommerwind*, Mahler's Songs from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* (The Youth's Magic Horn) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. Soprano Barbara Bonney and baritone Matthias Görne add the fireworks.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. ◙

KING LEAR: Opening night for Warren Mitchell, tackling the big one in Jude Kelly's production. With Trevor Baxter as Gloucester, Michael Cashman as Albany and Maria Miles as Cordelia, in a transfer from Leeds.
Hackney Empire, Mare Street, E8 (0181-985 2424). Tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm and Nov 19, 26 and Dec 3, 6pm. Until Dec 3.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

HUDDERSFIELD: The most adventurous of all British festivals, the **Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival**, pays tribute to the avant-garde Luigi Nono, who died five years ago. Many of his pieces — an intermingling of electronic and live sounds — will be new to Britain, and feature with those of James Dillon and the father of minimalism, Terry Riley. A full programme of music theatre includes tonight's opener, Judith Weir's creepy *The Black Spider*.
Information and Box Office: (01484-430 528). Tonight-Nov 26.

ABERDEEN AND EDINBURGH: Music director Walter Weller and the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** continue a programme opened last week: Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 and Dvorak's Symphony No 5. Grigory Sokolov is the soloist.
Music Hall, Union Street ◙ (01224 641122), tonight. Then **Inverness**, Eden Court ◙ (01463 221718), Thurs; **Edinburgh**, Usher Hall ◙ (0131-228 1155), Fri; **Glasgow** Royal Concert Hall ◙ (0141-227 5511), Sat.

Meanwhile, Steven Berkoff's stunning production of Oscar Wilde's seductive shocker, **Salome**, moves to Edinburgh this week. Berkoff oozes arrogance as Herod, with Zigi Ellison playing the biblical temptress.
Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◙

SALISBURY: Arthur Miller's mighty parable **The Crucible** is the second production for the reopened Playhouse. Jonathan Church directs the true tale of a small Puritan community gripped by witchcraft hysteria in 17th-century Massachusetts. A co-production with Birmingham Stage Company.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (01722 320 333). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Dec 2. ◙

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward:** Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (0171-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery:** Gods in Love: the Carracci Cartoons Restored (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery:** John Kobal Photographic Award (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy:** Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine:** William Turnbull (0171-723 9072) . . . **Tate:** Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** Walker Evans: photos of African sculpture (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◙ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **BRUISES:** 1994 Verity Bargate Award winner by Judy Upton, author of *Ashes and Sand*, seen here last year. Behind the net curtains of a South Coast boarding-house a drunken father is passing an inheritance of violence onto his son. Jane Howell directs.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm; opens Nov 21

□ **THE COUNTRY GIRL:** Strong and subtle by Corin Redgrave in Clifford Odets's drama of love, drink and marital protection. Kika Markham plays the supportive wife.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm ◙

□ **DEAD FUNNY:** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm. ◙

■ **HENRY V:** Matthew Warchus' acclaimed Stratford production, with Iain Glen outstanding as the warrior king.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm. Final performances. ◙

□ **THE HOTHOUSE:** Assailed by crises in a mysterious detention centre, Harold Pinter is marvellously funny, heading the strong cast in his own, long-buried play. With Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie and John Shrapnel

Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◙ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC:** Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm ◙

■ **MACBETH:** Enjoyable production, with Lennie James and Helen McCrory, even if sometimes more fire emerges from the pyrotechnic design than from the speeches

Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats today, 2pm and Sat, 4pm. ◙

■ **MACK AND MABEL:** Jerry Herman's musical set in early Hollywood. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Howard McGillin and a delightful Caroline O'Sullivan.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE MASTER BUILDER:** Peter Hall's cosy Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◙

◙ **RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB:** Jonathan Harvey's touching, well-balanced play about emotional turmoil in a group of twenty-somethings.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. ◙

□ **TAKING SIDES:** Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel Massey and Michael Pennington.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

EXQUISITE TENDERNESS (18): Nasty medical thriller with a less than lustrous cast (Isabel Glasser, James Remar). Director, Carl Schenkel
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

LIVING IN OBLIVION (15): Trials and tribulations of making a low-budget movie. Delicious comedy from director Tom DiCillo, with Steve Buscemi.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **PANTHER** (15): Hurtling, rose-tinted drama about the rise of the Black Panther movement in the 1960s. Mario Van Peebles directs.
MGM Trocadero ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ◙ (0171-437 1234) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

THE SOUND OF MUSIC (U): Thirtieth anniversary revival of the musical marshmallow, with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, and some ravishing Alpine scenery.
Plaza (0171-437 1234)

WHEN NIGHT IS FALLING (18): Canadian lesbian drama with a good heart but too much flimsy whimsy. Writer-director, Patricia Rozema (*I've Heard the Mermaids Singing*).
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **TO WONG FOO THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, JULIE NEWMAR** (PG): New York drag queens charm the mid-West. Cosy comedy drama, with Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes and John Leguizamo. Director, Beeban Kidron.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris.
Empire ◙ (0990 888990) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): Frivolous fun in the life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **CRIMSON TIDE** (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott.
Barbican ◙ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◙ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **FRENCH KISS** (12): Charmless romantic comedy with dizzy Meg Ryan and French rogue Kevin Kline.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart, Rosana Pastor.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◙ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

Jolly japes with and about Shakespeare; a forgotten 18th-century farce is a very modern marvel

Where there's a Will, there's a wag

The Shakespeare Revue
Vaudeville

This began life as a sort of end-of-term jamboree for the RSC, and, pleasantly entertaining though it is, it might be even more fun with what I suspect was its original ad-hoc feel. Cole Porter's *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*, for instance, has always struck me as a nice tune burdened with bad lyrics.

But if tweedy Adrian Noble and rumpled Trevor Nunn were kicking their heels up onstage, like beaks playing the fool for the boys and girls, even the ineptly structured sentences and the rhyming of "Troilus and Cressida" with "British ambessida" might get a laugh.

Still, Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee have assembled a slick, likeable cast adaptable enough to handle both the Monty Python sketch about the loony who is working on a version of Shakespeare consisting only of anagrams, and a witty adaptation of a better Porter song: "Queen Gertrude twice in a trice did it. King Lear evidently thrice did it — let's do it, let's fall in love."

There are no generalisations to be drawn from the 40 or so numbers on offer, except that there is a natural human urge to have fun at the expense of the Colossus of Stratford. Trouble is, Shakespeare is hard to mock effectively, for he was pretentious never, humourless seldom, and sombre only when it was impossible to be anything else.

MARILYN KINGWILL



To Stratford, with Porter and Python: the slick and likeable cast of *The Shakespeare Revue* in full bardic flight

Well, all right, there are moments in the history plays that contradict this view: which is why the funniest thing in the revue is a *Beyond the Fringe* sketch, regrettably truncated, in which a beleaguered king sends Gloucester to Essex, York to Lancaster, county to county, and finally himself to bed "to sleep off all the nonsense I've just said".

Elsewhere, we get the "to be" soliloquy presented as a music-hall knees-up, Sondheim's touching version of *Fear no More the Heat of the Sun*, a lament by an over-the-hill actress who has been asked to play a witch in the nude on an 89-week tour, and complaints from the props department, the ice-cream sellers and a spear-carrier who yearns for something better than being "gobbed on by Pennington, Sinden, McKellen". Among the writers are old reliables such as Sandy Wilson, Alan Melville and (happily) Richmal Crompton; but the evening is up-to-date enough to acknowledge Fiona Shaw's Richard II and the director of the RSC, Noble himself.

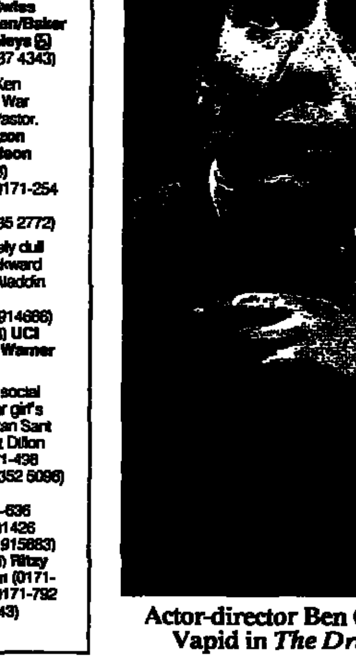
The cast — Luscombe, McKee, Susie Blake, Martin Connor, and a shimmering Janie Dee — do not flag or falter; but the material is uneven. A Wilde parody, in which Lady Brabantio interviews Othello, does not come off. Nor does a balcony scene between Romeo and Lady Macbeth.

But the show has its moments: a bawdy singalong based on the wooing in *Henry V*, Victoria Wood's genial send-up of an amateur rehearsal, and a number about gender-blind casting by Maureen Lipman.

"They're changing parts at Buckingham Palace," goes her Milne spoof. "Sweet Lady Anne will be Peter Sallis. As Tarquin the Tyrant, Madonna has starred, the Rape of Lucrece was terribly hard: no phallus." Not great, but not bad: much like the evening as a whole.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Old gold finally finds a market



Actor-director Ben Crocker as Vapid in *The Dramatist*

The Dramatist
Lilian Baylis

A PLAY in which an author is one of the characters, and at the same time writing the play they are in, is so evidently a 20th-century genre that it quite knocks you back to find it the premise of a play that opened a couple of months before the fall of the Bastille; to wit, this merry farce by the almost unknown Frederick Reynolds (1764-1841).

For the past six years Ben Crocker's enterprising group, the Magnificent Theatre Company, has been digging out forgotten treasures from the lumber-room of British theatre, and it has unearthed a treat with this one. The plot uses the familiar tricks of letters gone astray and people bursting from hiding-places, and the characters at their first appearances look just as well-known. The crotchety old peer determined to disinherit a nephew and marry his ward to the man she detests; the scheming harridan; the poltroon; the young spark back from the Continent with fancy attitudes — we have seen their sort in scores of plays.

But scarcely have they opened their mouths when we discover that Reynolds has given them a fresh and amusing spin. Here is Lord Scratch, newly elevated, blathering on about the privileges of a peer — to which no one pays the faintest attention — and detesting anything theatrical. So, of course, he keeps finding himself waylaid by Vapid, the dramatist, who has come to Bath to find characters for his new play and is so excited by Scratch, Lady Waitfort, Ennui (a yawning MP) and the rest of the bunch that he bustles them into dramatic confrontations, scribbles down their cries of vexation and delays denouements for the sake of a better scene later. "Here's incident!" he cries. "Here's stage effect!" And he's right.

Spoofing the conventions, the play trembles on the verge of burlesque, and although its characters lack the depth of *Wild Oats*, a play it pre-dates by a decade, the work bubbles with the same intoxicated love of theatre.

Kenneth McLeish's version of the text develops the character of Ennui (Richard Pocock) with the help of some heady elderberry wine, and introduces a few new images, entirely in the spirit of the original but more readily comprehended. Crocker, playing the genial and toothy Vapid, also directs with a good sense of speed, a relish for peculiar footsteps and a sure ear for the pitch to which rhetorical despair and confusion should be carried.

Kit Line's clever set is literally an open book, with its turning pages the walls and gardens of Bath. There is not a dud performance in the cast, but specially attractive are the innocent eagerness of Polly Hayes as the stage-struck Marianne, and Katy Odey's Louisa, her voice plunging an octave to express grief.

Joseph Millson is a bright-faced, urgently heroic Neville (the nephew) and Nick Simons's flummoxed Lord Scratch makes an unforgettable last exit, silenced, aghast, with the stricken look of an eviscerated cod.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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A Martha Graham tribute from Robert Wilson brings out the hippest of Manhattan crowds

The iron bones within the velvet hand

VISUAL ART: **John Russell Taylor** looks beyond the T-shirts at Chicago's spectacular Monet exhibition

Biggest is not necessarily best, but it sometimes helps. The main selling point of the Chicago Art Institute's current show, *Claude Monet 1840-1926*, seems to be that it is the largest assemblage of the artist's works together in one place that there ever has been and most likely ever will be.

The result, predictably, has been to provoke Monet fever: hundreds queueing up before the doors open at 8.45 each morning, Monet T-shirts and water-lily umbrellas everywhere, giant displays of books on Monet in every bookshop in town.

Despite all the hoopla, it must be admitted that Monet is one of those artists with whom more is, well, more. He had an exceptionally long career of constant self-discovery and rediscovery and he thought on a large scale. Not always in terms of the individual picture (although sometimes that too), but in terms of balancing and articulating series of pictures to make them into a complex whole.

Probably the most breathtaking single effect in the show is achieved in the room where 16 of the water-lily paintings Monet showed together as a series in 1909 are reunited on one curving wall. As one's eye travels around the room, observing the slight shifts of emphasis, changes of colour and composition from canvas to canvas, it is as though the gallery itself dissolves into the shifting, watery world of the paintings. To a lesser extent, the same sort of engulfing effect is produced in the galleries with the larger, later water-lilies and other aspects of the garden at Giverny, and in the rooms which bring together several of the Palace of Westminster pictures and several of the grain stacks.

In general this show steers carefully clear of duplicating the *Monet in the Nineties* exhibition which travelled the world recently. One would never guess here, for instance, how many times he painted

> He knew what he wanted to do, and how to do it

the façade of Rouen Cathedral in the early 1890s, presumably because the bringing together of such an array was the big sensation of that show. But then Monet was so prolific that it is perfectly possible to mount a show of 159 works, mostly substantial oils, without repeating former effects.

And this show definitely has a focus of its own. As far as possible it concentrates on Monet's own choices among his works. Some 30 pictures that he selected for what we would now call his mid-career retrospective in Paris in 1889 are reassembled for the first time since. On a smaller scale, dismembered works such as the paintings for a door in Durand-Ruel's apartment are brought together again, as far as possible, to be seen as originally intended.

One thing which emerges more clearly than ever in this show is that Monet did not suddenly hit on the idea of painting in series on the banks of the River Creuse in 1889. By the way in which the pictures of, say, the Gare St Lazare in 1877 or the famous cliffs at Etretat in 1883 are hung together and related to one another on the walls of the gallery, one can see the notion of the series gradually crystallising years before Monet consciously started painting that way.

Also, as the paintings are hung, where possible, in chronological order, the gradual diffusion of his inspiration becomes clear. Near the beginning, the show is full of famous postcards, but little by little we move away from the single, immediately eye-catching image, and towards a much more modern concept, of the group of pictures which support one another and presuppose one-man shows in a dealer's gallery. Whether or not this was a deliberate political programme on Monet's part, its effect in reducing the Salons' domination of the art world is unmistakable.

Does such an inclusive show propose a "new" Monet? Certainly the most consistent idea one comes away with is respect for Monet's sheer technical skill. The most general association with Monet is probably the image of the T-shirts and umbrellas, of a sort of unfettered prettiness, a warm bath in the sensuality of fluid forms and glowing colours. Of course, that element is present in the show, but it is counteracted by a regular awareness of the tough reasonableness beneath the slight lyric grace. In many respects Monet himself was responsible for any misunderstanding on that score, with his deliberate spreading of misinformation about his working methods, giving the public to understand that his paintings all sprang from the unpremeditated inspiration of the moment, and dissimilating the long sessions of reconsideration, revision and sometimes wholesale repainting that took place afterwards.

But seeing so much of his work together, and observing how carefully he would turn subjects round and round in his mind, working and reworking them until they approached most closely some platonic ideal of his own, makes one pause and reassess the popular myth. No matter how seductive the surface, there is clearly nothing finally left to chance. Here is an artist who knew very early on precisely what he wanted to do and how he wanted to do it.

It is this underlying certainty of technique and direction which makes such a large show supportable and illuminating. One never comes to the end of finding out about Monet, because he never came to the end of finding out about himself.

● Claude Monet 1840-1926 *is at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago (001-312-433 3600) until Nov 26*



An artist ruled by head, not heart: Monet's *Hôtel des Roches Noires, Trouville* (1870)

It sure beats music lessons

Jennai Cox joins Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich at one of his school percussion workshops

There is commotion in the assembly hall. A hundred under-11s are swinging their heads and jutting their torsos from side to side. Amid the din, teachers exchange apprehensive smiles. The school hall has become a one-man performance concert room and Jeff Rich, drummer for Status Quo, is taking a percussion workshop.

After giving a lecture on the history of the drum as a favour to his children's headmaster, Rich found himself on a 50-school countrywide tour. Primary, secondary and senior schools in the private and state sectors have all played host to the wild-haired drummer who, after rejoining Status Quo for an international tour this winter, kicks off 1996 with shows at Eton and schools in the Falkland Islands.

"I was more nervous for the first one than for a concert," he says. "Now I love to watch the kids' faces, see what they are getting out of it. Percussion is something inside all of us; it is something I can share."

The penultimate venue this year was Allfarthings Primary in Wandsworth, southwest London, featuring in the school's music and dance week. In front of a blanket of fascinated faces and with the help of his drum technician, Andrew Carman, Rich sets up his kit, as well as his collection of old drums.

"I discovered the drums when I was about nine," he tells his audience. "I knew that was the instrument I wanted to play." But progressing from hitting biscuit tins with his mother's knitting needles to playing for Status Quo involved a good deal of luck, Rich says. Part of the master class is to remind schoolchildren that determination and dedication might get them to the top, but finishing school and acquiring a skill to fall back on is still important. Driving minicabs sits alongside playing with Elton John on Rich's CV.

The drum, his audience is told, is one of the oldest instruments known to man, and the hollow log held up before them is one of the earliest kinds. Initially played on its side, the trunk was later turned upright and covered with animal skin stretched to different tensions to produce various sounds. The shape of the drum base changed over the years as did the material used to make them, evolving into today's steel and birch wood, a full kit costing around £2,500.

Keeping the attention of 100 children for an hour and a half means Rich has to get them involved. They are told to discover if they have "natural independence" by tapping their heads while rubbing their tummies and invited to chant while Rich demonstrates the "mummy/daddy" drum roll and explains the difference between the orthodox grip and match grip of the drum stick.

A very loud lesson in the similarities of the African

YOUNG AT art

burrundi rhythm and the American shuffle follows, to show how different kinds of music feed off each other. "Never restrict yourself to one type," Rich says. "Listen to jazz, rock, pop and classical, or you'll be hopeless at auditions."

The class ends with the children taking up tambourines and shakers to join the drummer in a two-minute spontaneous performance. To the children it is the highlight of the event, but to Rich it is often an insight into the status of music in schools.

"Sometimes there are hardly any percussion instruments so only a few can join in at a time, and at other schools there are hundreds," he says. "I can ask in some schools if anyone plays an instrument and hardly any raise their hands. If I can get one child to learn an instrument, I have done my job."

● *Details of master class from: Handle Artists, Handle House, 1 Albion Place, Galena Road, Hammersmith, London W6 0QT*

DANCE: Ballet Classique d'Europe visits Britain; Robert Wilson celebrates the life of Martha Graham in New York

Plastic smiles and heavy feet

The curtain rises on a bare, badly lit stage. As a lifeless recording of Minkus starts up and the first dancers make their entry, your heart begins to sink. For this is clearly going to be another one of those ad-hoc little ballet troupes trying to make a few bob peddling their pirouettes in a gruelling series of one-night stands.

The troupe in question is the Paris-based Ballet Classique d'Europe, made up of 15 dancers from various European companies. Its director is the British dancer Adrian Davies, who enjoyed a brief career with the Royal Ballet in the mid-1970s. This current tour, which ends in Stirling on December 3, marks the troupe's British debut.

The company boasts a line-up of "Kirov stars", although none of them is actually still employed in St Petersburg. Yelena Pankova (who decamped to Germany) is the biggest name, fondly remembered from her days with the Kirov. She is also the only reason to support this otherwise disappointing enterprise.

The programming is slightly more ambitious than most. Not only do we get the white pas de deux from *Swan Lake* and variations from *La Bayadère*, there is also a rare chance to see a substantial chunk of *Paquita* and a new work by Ruben Echeverria, *Tangos at Midnight*, that at least has the advantage of providing a contrast to the sparkle and sunlight of the classical variations.

At Wimbledon Theatre this week it didn't take long to notice that performance standards are erratic and, at times, lamentably low. One soloist after another heavy-footed it through the *Bayadère* segment (the dances in honour of Solor and Gamzatti's betrothal), plastic smiles at the ready. A few bright sparks lit up the *Paquita* variations (Corine Beauvais was notable in both this and *Bayadère*), but for the most part the evening proved that you can't just throw dancers onto a stage, no matter how well trained they are, and expect them to look like a proper ballet company.

Tangos at Midnight tried to give us the seedy bars and dimly-lit back streets of Buenos Airies, with pointe shoes substituting for stiletto heels and neo-classicism for the traditional tango vocabulary. Sharp proud poses vied for effect with sky-high legs and endless arabesques. Couples joined and parted; men tried to look virile; and the women wrapped their black stocking-ed legs around wooden chairs, inadvertently reminding us that Marlene Dietrich did it so much better all those years ago.

And what of Pankova? She remains a jewelled curiosity, capable of strange flights of fancy in her dancing that no one else could get away with. Her Act II pas de deux from *Swan Lake* (with Francesco Villicich) was off in a world of its own, distressed, dramatic and shaped with a quivering beauty.

DEBRA CRAINE

Grave injustice

Martha Graham's legend continues to grow apace since her death, whether through Madonna's planned film or *Snow on the Mesa*, an hour-long performance by Robert Wilson based on her life. The opening gala at New York's City Center was typical of the currently modish status of both Graham and Wilson: everyone from Midori to Manhattan's hippest couple, Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson, were in attendance, not to mention the fashion posse out for Donna Karan's costumes.

If this creative pairing might seem paradoxical — Graham associated with raw American energy, Wilson with languid European elegance — both are native avant-gardists subsequently accepted by mainstream culture.

Despite the advance publicity and froth of fashionable anticipation, Wilson's piece with the Martha Graham Dance Company proved to be a rather embarrassing set of clichéd *tableaux vivants*, almost a parody of Wilson's signature elements all stuck together. At times laughably obvious — a red-clad dancer with champagne flute represented, hey!, Graham's drink problem — every set piece seemed like a version of previous Wilsonian moments, the same dancer lying on a metal couch and reciting a monologue like a cheesy reprise of his *I was Sitting on my Patio* ... Even the lighting resembled a barely shuffled deck of Wilson's greatest hits, his signature use of bold colours and stark spotlights here appearing merely camp.

Snow on the Mesa finally smelt as if thrown together with far too little time, a sketchy reprise of some easy visual effects. The problem, as standing ovation and rave reviews suggest, is that Wilson has become one of the untouchables, his current fame in exact disproportion to the quality of his work. If this hackneyed bio proved anything, it was that there can be minimal kitsch just as vulgar as the rococo version.

By contrast, the opening dance, Graham's own *Chronicle* of 1936, was a bracing, bravura performance of a still entirely convincing classic.

ADRIAN DANNATT

Mind games

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

WHY does Sigmund Freud have a naked woman concealed in his closet? Why is he wearing a raincoat indoors, and why is he being pursued by Salvador Dali? For that matter, where are Dali's trousers? Is it any wonder that the father of psychoanalysis turns out to be the one most in need of it? Terry Johnson's triumphantly surreal farce *Hysteria*, which originally opened at the Royal Court Theatre in 1993, returns as the second play in the Royal Court Classics Season at the Duke of York's Theatre.

First time around, *Hysteria* won the Olivier Award for Best Comedy and the Writers Guild Award for Best Play, and two actors from the original production are back: Henry Goodman as Freud and Tim Potter as Dali. Theatre Club members can buy tickets for £15 (normally up to £22.50) for Nov 24-Dec 16 performances, and receive a complimentary programme. Tel 0171-836 5122 to book, quoting your membership number

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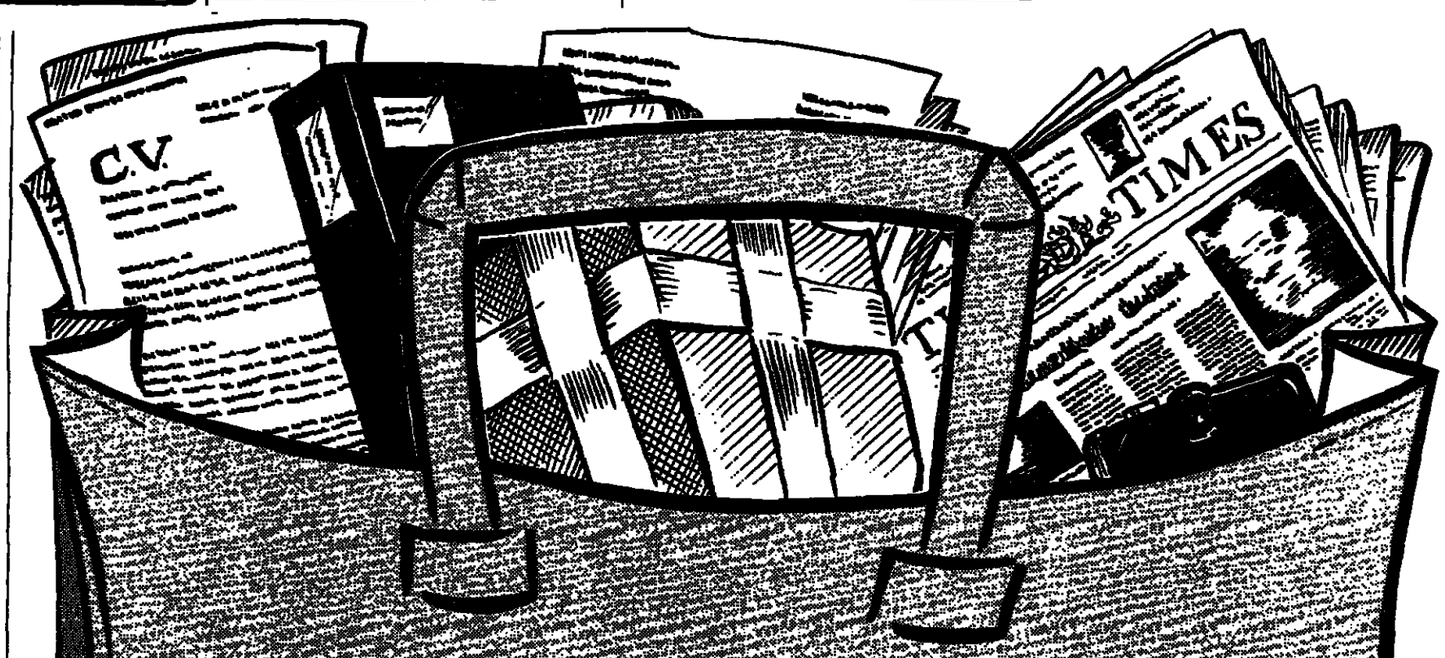
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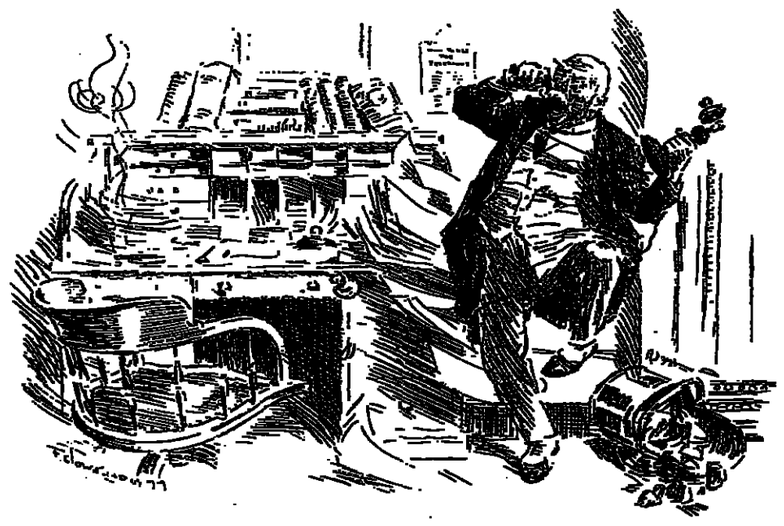
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The Parks, Oxford, where Leicestershire will be the visitors for the opening game of next season

APRIL

13-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire
15-REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (four days)
Southampton: Second XI champions (Hampshire) v England Under-19
17-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham
18-COUNTY MATCH (four days)
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
20-TETLEY'S SHIELD
Chelmsford: England A v The Rest
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbyshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Middlesex
21-COUNTY MATCH (one day)
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
24-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
The Parks: British Universities v Warwickshire
26-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
The Parks: British Universities v Kent
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Southampton: Hampshire v Ireland
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Minor Counties
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
28-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Fenner's: British Universities v Glamorgan
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Maidstone: Kent v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Jesmond: Minor Counties v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Scotland
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Ireland
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
30-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire
Chelmsford: Essex v British Universities
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Jesmond: Minor Counties v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Forfar: Scotland v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire

MAY

2-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Northamptonshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
3-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Warwickshire
5-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Northamptonshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Indians
6-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Uxbridge: England NCA v Indians
7-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Minor Counties
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Dublin (Clontarf CC): Ireland v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v British Universities
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Scotland
8-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v India
9-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
11-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Indians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day) -
The Parks: Oxford v Cambridge
12-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
14-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Fenner's: British Universities v Middlesex
Derby: Derbyshire v Minor Counties
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Eglinton: Ireland v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
Edinburgh (Grange CC): Scotland v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
16-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Hove: Sussex v Indians
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Yorkshire
Ilford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex
The Parks: Oxford University v Northamptonshire
19-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Lord's: Middlesex v Indians
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Yorkshire
Ilford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
21-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Luton: Northamptonshire v Indians
22-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Horsham: Sussex v Middlesex
23-TEXACO TROPHY
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v INDIA
(first one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire
25-TEXACO TROPHY
HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v INDIA
(second one-day international)
26-TEXACO TROPHY
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v INDIA
(third one-day international)
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Horsham: Sussex v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
28-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP, quarter-finals
TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Chelmsford or Cardiff: Essex or Glamorgan v Indians
30-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire

JUNE

1-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Leicester: Leicestershire v Indians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan
2-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
6-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v INDIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Durham
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Surrey
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire
9-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Durham
Headingley: Yorkshire v Surrey
11-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP, semi-finals
13-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (four days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Indians
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Lancashire
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
14-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Hampshire
16-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Lancashire
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
19-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Bath: Somerset v Worcestershire
20-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v INDIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Stockton: Durham v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Kent
Bradford: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
21-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex
23-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Stockton: Durham v Surrey
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Bath: Somerset v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Kent
Bradford: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
25-NATWEST TROPHY, first round
March: Cambridgeshire v Kent
St Austell: Cornwall v Warwickshire
Carlisle: Cumberland v Middlesex
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Scotland
Chelmsford: Essex v Devon
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Norfolk
Belfast (North of Ireland CC): Ireland v Sussex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Berkshire
Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Gloucestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Cheshire
Aston Rowant: Oxfordshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Suffolk
Stone: Staffordshire v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Holland
Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
26-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: British Universities v Indians
27-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Gloucestershire
Southend: Essex v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Trowbridge: England NCA v Pakistanis
29-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Pakistanis
Southampton: Hampshire v Indians
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Canterbury: Kent v Oxford University
Hove: Sussex v Cambridge University
30-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Gloucestershire
Southend: Essex v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

JULY

2-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge
3-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Taunton: Somerset v Pakistanis
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Arundel: Sussex v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Headingley: Yorkshire v South Africa A
4-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v INDIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Maidstone: Kent v Durham
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
6-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Pakistanis
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v South Africa A
7-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Maidstone: Kent v Durham
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Arundel: Sussex v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
10-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Truro or Edgbaston: Cornwall or Warwickshire v Surrey or Holland
Chelmsford or Torquay: Essex or Devon v Durham or Scotland
Swansea or Worcester: Glamorgan or Worcestershire v Hampshire or Norfolk
Leicester or Reading: Leicestershire or Berkshire v Ireland or Sussex
Aston Rowant or Old Trafford: Oxfordshire or Lancashire v Northamptonshire or Cheshire
Taunton or Bury St Edmunds: Somerset or Suffolk v Lincolnshire or Gloucestershire
Stone or Derby: Staffordshire or Derbyshire v Cambridgeshire or Kent
Headingley or Trent Bridge: Yorkshire or Nottinghamshire v Cumberland or Middlesex
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Shenley: MCC v South Africa A
11-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Stone: Minor Counties v Pakistanis
13-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
LORD'S: FINAL
14-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham
Chelmsford: Essex v Glamorgan
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Kent
Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
15-COSTCUTTER CUP
Harrogate (three days)
17-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Pakistanis
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Guildford: Surrey v Sussex
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Cardiff: Glamorgan v South Africa A
18-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Hampshire
UNDER-19 MATCH (one-day international)
Chester-le-Street: England v New Zealand
20-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Canterbury: Kent v Pakistanis
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Taunton: Somerset v South Africa A
UNDER-19 MATCH (one-day international)
Trent Bridge: England v New Zealand
21-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Guildford: Surrey v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham
Headingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire
24-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v South Africa A
25-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Essex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset
26-TOUR MATCH (four days)
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v South Africa A
28-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Essex
Swansea: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset
30-NATWEST TROPHY, quarter-finals

AUGUST

1-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCHES
The Oval: Surrey v South Africa A (four days)
Edinburgh (Grange CC): Scotland v Pakistanis (one day)
UNDER-19 MATCH (first Test)
Old Trafford: England v New Zealand (four days)
3-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Pakistanis
4-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Yorkshire
6-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Chelmsford: Essex v South Africa A
7-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southport: Lancashire v Surrey
8-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
9-TOUR MATCH (four days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v South Africa A
11-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
13-NATWEST TROPHY, semi-finals
14-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Leicester or Hove: Leicestershire or Sussex v Pakistanis
15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
TOUR MATCH (four days)
Chester-le-Street: TCCB XI v South Africa A
UNDER-19 MATCH (second Test)
Worcester: England v New Zealand (four days)
Bain Hogg Trophy semi-finals (or Aug 16)
17-TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (three days)
Chelmsford: Essex v Pakistanis
OTHER MATCH (three days)
Linlithgow (Boghall CC): Scotland v Ireland
18-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
21-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Durham
22-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Gloucestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
UNDER-19 MATCH (third Test)
Hove: England v New Zealand (four days)
25-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Gloucestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Glamorgan
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Middlesex
29-TEXACO TROPHY
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
(first one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Lancashire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Essex
31-TEXACO TROPHY
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
(second one-day international)

SEPTEMBER

1-TEXACO TROPHY
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
(third one-day international)
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Glamorgan
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Middlesex
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Lancashire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Essex
3-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
6-FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Tesco International XI
7-NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
NORTHERN ELECTRIC TROPHY (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham
8-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
McCAIN CHALLENGE (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Holland
9-TETLEY BITTER TROPHY
Scarborough (three days)
BAIN HOGG TROPHY
Final (one day)
12-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
15-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
19-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham
Chelmsford: Essex v Glamorgan
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent
Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire

Other matches at Lord's

May 1: MCC v MCC Young Cricketers
May 21: MCC v Club Cricket Conference
May 22: MCC v Midlands Club Cricket Conference
June 13: England v New Zealand (women)
June 25: Eton v Harrow (provisional)
July 16: MCC v MCC Schools
July 17: MCC Schools v NAYC
July 18: NCA YC v Combined Services
Aug 7-8: MCC v Scotland
Aug 20: Lombard World Challenge (under-15) final
Aug 28: MCC Trophy final
Aug 28: Abbot Ale club championship final
Sep 1: Alliance & Leicester Giro Village championship final
Sep 10: MCC v Cricket Touring Club De Flamingo's

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Providing evidence in contempt

In re B (a Minor) (Contempt: Evidence)

Before Mr Justice Wall

[Judgment November 8]

Respondents to motions to commit could be required by the court to swear, file and serve affidavits or produce statements of witnesses of fact on which they might wish to rely before the hearing in order to enable proper preparation of evidence in reply.

However, the applicant had to prove his case on the evidence filed in support of the application, supplemented by any admissions made by the alleged contemnor upon which he was entitled to rely, and could make no use of the respondent's evidence until it was deployed by the respondent.

Equally, a respondent who complied with such a direction was not in peril of cross-examination until such time as he deployed the evidence in his own case.

Mr Justice Wall so held in a reserved judgment in the Family Division following his decision on August 30 to commit a husband to prison for 12 months for contempt of court and to dismiss a summons for contempt against his wife, following the removal of B, a child who was a ward of court, from the jurisdiction without the leave of the court.

Miss Deborah Eaton for the guardian ad litem; Mr Philip Marshall for the husband; Mr Anthony Kirk for the wife; Mr John Critchley as amicus curiae.

MR JUSTICE WALL said that a number of questions had arisen relating to the powers of the court to make orders and/or to give directions concerning the swearing, serving, filing and treatment of affidavit evidence and witness statements by respondents to committal proceedings.

In particular, did the court have the power to compel an alleged contemnor to swear an affidavit in advance of the hearing setting out his case?

If the answer to that question was "No", what, if any, were the powers of the court to compel advance disclosure, both to the court and to the party applying for the order, of the evidence which an alleged contemnor intended to adduce in support of his case?

Surprisingly, the authorities did not reveal a clear and succinct answer to those apparently simple questions.

The court was clearly master of its own procedure in civil litigation, with the obvious proviso that procedure had to facilitate the application of the substantive law, and not run counter to it; the objective, of course, being in every case to achieve a fair and expeditious trial of whatever issues were before the court.

In committal proceedings it was clear that the court must always permit, but could not compel, a respondent to give evidence: see Order 52, rule 6(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and *Comet Products UK Ltd v Hawkex Plastics Ltd* ([1971] 2 QB 67).

It followed that the court did not have the power to compel a respondent to a committal summons to swear an affidavit if he did not choose to do so.

But that was by no means the end of the matter. The authorities showed that where a respondent to a committal summons chose to file and rely upon affidavit evidence, he could be cross-examined in the normal way.

It therefore did not follow that because a defendant was not compellable the court lacked the power to regulate the manner in which any evidence upon which he chose to rely was adduced.

It was plainly undesirable that the exercise by the respondent to a committal summons of the option to give evidence should lead either to the applicant for the order being taken by surprise by the nature of the defence or to adjournments for the preparation of evidence in rebuttal.

Nothing in the authorities contradicted the proposition that the court had the power to regulate its own procedure by directing a respondent to a committal summons to swear affidavits or produce statements of witnesses of fact upon which he might wish to rely and to file and serve such evidence in convenient time before the hearing in order to permit proper presentation of evidence in reply.

Such a rule did not prejudice the respondent, who retained the right, if he wished, not to have his evidence opened to the judge by the applicant, but to put it in after the conclusion of the applicant's case, alternatively not to put it in at all. The applicant could make no use of the respondent's evidence until it was deployed by the respondent, either by reading it or by relying upon it.

It equally followed that a respondent who obeyed a direction to swear, file and serve affidavit evidence prior to the hearing did not by so doing put himself in peril of cross-examination, until such time as he deployed the evidence in support of his own case.

The respondent to a committal summons was thus in no way prejudiced by obeying a direction of the court for the filing of evidence. On the other hand, the filing of such evidence enabled the case on both sides to be properly prepared and unnecessary adjournments avoided.

In practice, most summonses for contempt issued in the Family Division turned on relatively straightforward issues of fact, and whether or not the applicant could prove the facts alleged to the criminal standard. Nonetheless, respondents to committal summonses, and those who advised them, should be alert to the procedural points thrown up in the present case.

In the majority of applications under the Children Act 1989 in the Family Division the practice was for all the evidence to be placed before the judge and read by him or her pre-trial or immediately after the case had been opened.

Committal proceedings did not fit into that pattern. Legal advisers to respondents to committal proceedings should therefore make their position clear pre-trial: if they filed evidence in answer to the summons but did not wish to put it in before the closure of the applicant's case, that fact should be made clear.

His Lordship would not, however, want anything in his judgment to be read as encouraging an unduly legalistic approach to a respondent's evidence in committal proceedings.

The fact that the respondent to a committal summons was not a compellable witness and might elect whether or not to put in evidence should not derogate from the proposition that the wise course, generally speaking, was for such a respondent either to make a full and frank admission of his contempt or, if he denied that he was in contempt, to set out his case clearly and in detail.

The procedure outlined above was somewhat cumbersome and did not fit neatly with Order 52, rule 6(4) as presently drafted; furthermore, the authorities were not all easily reconcilable and some were in apparent conflict.

In those circumstances Order 52, rule 6 could usefully be drawn to the attention of the Supreme Court Rule Committee.

Solicitors: Rowberry Morris, Reading; Allan Janes, High Wycombe; Turberville Woodbridge, Uxbridge; Official Solicitor.

Competency of child witness

Regina v D and Others

Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Harrison

[Judgment November 3]

In deciding the competency of a child witness in a criminal trial the court should ask if he could understand questions and respond coherently and intelligibly although it remained relevant to inquire as to his ability to distinguish between truth and fiction and between fact and fantasy as part of that test.

Where a child or young person gave evidence before a jury and then retracted it and it was possible for the jury to believe the first version of his testimony, the jury could be allowed to consider all that he had said to them although the judge should give the jury a strong warning as to the dangers of relying on such evidence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in upholding the convictions of D, C, E, JE and S for, variously, inter alia, conspiracy to commit buggery on children, conspiracy to commit indecent assault, and buggery but allowing the appeal of J against his conviction for conspiracy to commit indecent assault and conspiracy to commit gross indecency.

It was submitted at the defendants' trial that many of the complainants were children or young persons who should not be regarded as competent and that their evidence should be discounted. During the trial, evidence was given by a complainant SS, then aged 16, but he later returned to court to deny the veracity of all of his original evidence.

Mr Patrick Eccles, QC and Mr James Tillyard for D; Mr Gerald Price, QC and Mr Jeffrey Clarke for C; Mr Ian Peddie, QC and Mr Philip D. Marshall for E; Mr Edward Lyons, QC and Mr David J. M. Aubrey for S; Mr Adrian Fulford, QC and Miss Janet Plange for J; Mr Nigel Mylne, QC and Mr Geraint Walters for JE; Mr Gerard Elias, QC, Mr Paul Thomas and Mr Huw Rees for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the test of the competence of a child witness was now whether the child was able to understand the questions put to him or her, to communicate, and to give a coherent and comprehensible account of the matters in relation to which he or she was giving evidence.

Built into that concept was an ability to distinguish between truth and fiction or between fact and fantasy.

That phraseology was more apt to a child witness under the legislation than an ability to distinguish between truth and lies because of (a) the abolition of the requirement for the child to take the oath and (b) perhaps more importantly, lies by definition were an intentional or deliberate falsehood connoting an ability to tell the difference between lies and the truth.

Once a child could give a comprehensible account between fact and fiction, whether the child was telling the truth or not was a matter for the jury.

If an accomplice called to give evidence by the crown was forced in cross-examination to admit that his evidence was false, then a judge would direct the jury that the evidence was worthless.

However, in a case like the present where a child or young person gave evidence for the Crown and then later retracted it in circumstances where the jury might well consider that the original evidence was true and the retraction false, such evidence could properly be left by the judge to the jury for their consideration.

SS gave some evidence supporting the Crown case. Much later he purported to retract it. Quite clearly in those circumstances, it was incumbent upon the judge to give the jury a strong warning in relation to placing any reliance on SS's evidence and the judge did so.

The jury had to consider SS's evidence in the context of the case as a whole. Their Lordships had no doubt that the jury were entitled to take his evidence into account and, if they thought it right, to believe the evidence that he gave notwithstanding his later retraction. The judge was right not to discharge the jury when SS purported to withdraw his evidence.

However, on the evidence put forward by the Crown there was no logical basis for the guilty verdict against J and the jury must have been confused or they must have adopted the wrong approach. In the cases of D, E, JE, C and S their Lordships were not persuaded that the verdicts were unsafe or unsatisfactory and accordingly their appeals were dismissed.

The court had come to the conclusion that in J's case the verdict was unsafe and unsatisfactory. His appeal would be allowed and his conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Eaton-Evans & Morris, Haverfordwest for D, C, E, J and S; Paul Settatree & Co, Haverfordwest for JE; Crown Prosecution Service, Carmarthen.

Power to allow case to brought outside usual time limit

Oyston v Blaker and Others

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment November 1]

A judge had a wide discretion when considering whether or not to grant leave to enable a plaintiff to bring a defamation action outside the usual time limit under section 32A of the Limitation Act 1980, as inserted by section 57 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985.

In addition, it was an irregularity for such leave to be sought ex parte as Order 32, rule 9(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court required that such applications be made by originating summons heard on notice.

The Court of Appeal so held in refusing an appeal by Mr Owen Oyston against an order of Mr Justice Ognall setting aside leave granted by the master to bring an action in slander against Sir Peter Blaker, Mr Robert Atkins and Mr Bill Harrison.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Manuel Barca for the appellant; Mr Desmond Browne, QC and Miss Alexandra Marzec for the first respondent; Mr Timothy Sisley for the second respondent; Mr Michael Briggs, QC and Mr Harry Boggis-Rolfe for the third respondent.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that on the basis of the clear words of section 32A if the court was satisfied of the qualifying facts then "such an action — (a) may be brought ... but (b) shall not be brought without the leave of the High Court."

The distinction between "may" and "but" and the presence of subclause (b) were only explicable by the fact that the grant of leave was discretionary.

The words of the statute imposed no express limit on the exercise of the discretion. Therefore the judge had been right in his broad definition of his discretionary jurisdiction: to do what was just in all the circumstances: see *Aiden Shipping Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] 1 AC 965, 975F).

Order 32, rule 9(3) was clear and mandatory in form. The rules required the application to be made on notice. The reason was clear: where a plaintiff required the court discretion to revive a cause of action that would otherwise be time-barred the potential defendant had to be heard.

It was submitted that the inherent jurisdiction of the court empowered it to permit such an application to be made ex parte.

It was clear that the court had an inherent jurisdiction where, for instance, there was a procedural gap in the rules. But there was no such gap here.

Lord Justice Pill delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Peter Carter Ruck & Partners; Biddle & Co; Goldkorn Davies Mathias; Philip Conn & Co, Manchester.

Preventing injustice to defendant

Advanced Portfolio Technologies Inc v Ainsworth

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment October 27]

Where a plaintiff abandoned a claim against a defendant in another jurisdiction in order to sue him in England and subsequently decided to proceed with the action in the foreign jurisdiction, the English court would not stay the English action and would restrain the plaintiff by injunction from suing the defendant in the other jurisdiction, if substantial injustice would be caused by the defendant having to fight an action on two fronts.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division dismissing an application by the plaintiff, Advanced Portfolio Technologies Inc, for a stay of the English proceedings against the defendant, Peter Ainsworth, and granting the defendant's application for an injunction restraining the plaintiff from bringing or prosecuting an action in respect of the same subject matter in New York.

There was an agreement between APT (UK) Ltd, a company controlled by Mr Ainsworth, which provided that the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New York courts in respect of all matters arising out of the contract. Based on that contract the plaintiff had sued APT (UK) Ltd in the New York court and was proceeding with its action there. It had originally joined Mr Ainsworth as a co-defendant but then decided to abandon the claim against him personally and to proceed solely against the company in New York. The plaintiff then launched an action against the defendant in England.

Mr D. Henry Whittle for the plaintiff; Mr Alastair Wilson, QC, for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that from the start he had had grave difficulty with the concept of the plaintiff seeking to stay its own action. It had always seemed to his Lordship that a plaintiff should either bring his action to trial or settlement or give it up by discontinuance on proper terms. It was important to note there there was a jurisdiction to grant the plaintiff a stay of its own action.

Thus his Lordship had to decide whether the ordinary rule, that the plaintiff, having put his hand to the plough, should continue to the end of the furrow, applied in deciding the plaintiff's stay application.

In considering the defendant's injunction application, his Lordship had to try to understand the numerous decisions of the House of Lords in recent times, in particular *Société Nationale Industrielle Aérospatiale v Lee Kui Jak* ([1987] AC 871) ("SNIA") which was a Privy Council decision.

From the observations of Lord Goff of Chieveley in SNIA, Mr Whittle derived the proposition that the court would not grant an injunction to restrain a plaintiff from proceeding in a jurisdiction which was not the forum conveniens unless it could be shown that the proceeding was of itself oppresive or vexatious.

He submitted that it was a precondition that one should find that the forum conveniens was the country in which the defendant was seeking the injunction to restrain the proceedings. In the SNIA case that was, of course, correct.

That was not precisely the same factual basis as the present case. Since Mr Ainsworth was an Englishman resident in the jurisdiction and carrying on his activities in England all such claims should obviously be brought in the English court. That was enough to dispose of the plaintiff's application to stay the action.

However, his Lordship had in addition, if he were to allow the defendant's application, to consider whether or not an injustice would be caused to the defendant by permitting the plaintiff to sue him both in New York and in England and whether that would deprive the plaintiff of a legitimate juridical advantage to a greater extent than the oppression caused to the defendant.

The plaintiff asserted that it would be saved the costs of suing the company, APT (UK) Ltd, in respect of misuse of confidential information in New York, and at the same time suing Mr Ainsworth personally for use of confidential information in England.

As it seemed to his Lordship, there was a substantial injustice likely to be caused to Mr Ainsworth by not permitting him to restrain the New York proceedings and, thereby, having decided already that the English proceedings should not be stayed, requiring him to fight as it were on two fronts. That did not require the plaintiff to fight on two fronts against Mr Ainsworth. That fight would be on one front only, the English front.

His Lordship therefore came to the conclusion that he ought to refuse the plaintiff a stay of its own action and to grant the defendant an injunction restraining the plaintiff from suing him in the United States.

Solicitors: Pannone & Partners; Taylor Joynson Garrett.

Qualified celebrations in order for Scotland

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

SCOTLAND'S European championship tie against San Marino at Hampden Park this evening is so lacking in significance that Craig Brown, the manager, can scarcely keep his gaze fixed upon it. With a view to the finals of the tournament in England next year, he will indulge in some intense experimentation and select younger players such as Scot Gemmill, 24, of Nottingham Forest.

Were the amateurs of San Marino to win tonight, great damage would be done to the Scottish psyche, but the prospects for the team would remain unaltered. Brown's team are already certain to finish second in group eight and wait only for other results that will almost certainly ensure qualification for the finals.

Only freakish events across Europe could push them into a play-off, for the six best runners-up in the eight groups receive a place in England by right. Their respective standings are measured only by results against other members of the top four in each group. Since San Marino are not amongst them, the match tonight is more of a duty than a pleasure for Brown.

A respectable crowd has been guaranteed by reducing ticket prices, but the manager also trusts that novelty value will entice a few more spectators. The occasion is at least significant for Gemmill, who might, until now, have believed that international football is conducted only under conditions of the most extreme obscurity.

To date, his three caps have come against Japan and Ecuador, at a summer tournament, and in the Faeroe Islands. In the circumstances, he can be forgiven assertions made yesterday that there would be "more pressure" on him against San Marino, his first international on Scottish soil.

Gemmill is, of course, one of those players who must build a career sturdy enough to support the weight of a mighty surname. Archie, his father, won 43 caps for Scotland and produced one of the most delirious moments in his country's football history when he twisted and swerved through the Holland defence to score at the 1978 World Cup.

Gammill Jr is used to repelling anyone who assails him with such memories. "The resemblance," he said, "begins and ends with the surname. My father was 'up an at 'em' and excited the crowd. I like to think that I am comfortable on the ball and able to bring others into the game."

If he was willing only to lay claim to sedate virtues, they may, nonetheless, be the ones that Brown seeks. "Our very first game in this group," the manager said, "saw us scoring in Finland after a move of 21 consecutive passes. Since then, we have always tried to play football."

He looks for further sources of pride this evening with a team that will feature less experienced players such as Craig Burley, Scott Booth, Eoin Jess and in which John Collins will be the only ever-present in the qualifying campaign — worth £28,000 to him in bonuses. Jim Leighton, the Hibernian goalkeeper, who will win his 71st cap at the age of 37, has not conceded a goal in five full appearances and one as substitute in group matches.

"What I ask of the game," Brown said, "is that we make it five wins in a row in this group, gain the prestige that comes from qualifying and reassure the fans that they have a team worth supporting."

For once, a Scotland manager may just find that all of his objectives are within easy reach.

GROUP EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	9	7	2	0	31	4	23
Scotland	9	6	2	1	14	3	20
Greece	9	5	0	4	18	9	15
Finland	9	5	0	4	17	15	15
Faeroe Isl	9	2	0	7	10	30	6
San Marino	9	0	0	9	2	31	0

FIXTURES: Today: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, Greece v Faeroe Islands.

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable; 4-4-2) A Fettis (Hull City) — S Lomas (Manchester City), B Hunter (Wrexham), C Hill (Leicester City), N Worthington (Leeds United) — K Gillespie (Newcastle United), N Lennon (Crewe Alexandra), M O'Neill (Hibernian), M Hughes (Strasbourg/West Ham United) — I Dowie (West Ham United), P Gray (Sunderland).

SCOTLAND (probable; 3-5-2) J Leighton (Hibernian) — A McLaren (Rangers) C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur) — C Burley (Chelsea), S Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), J McAllister (Leeds United), J Collins (Celtic), T Boyd (Celtic) — E Jess (Aberdeen), S Booth (Aberdeen).

Hamilton keen to spread the word

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

AT THE home of Donegal Celtic, in the heart of West Belfast, Northern Ireland yesterday concluded preparations for the European championship match against Austria at Windsor Park tonight — their final group six fixture in an 18-month qualifying series. It was the first time that the Northern Ireland squad had trained in the staunchly Republican area, an exercise that would have been unthinkable at the height of "The Troubles".

For Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, it was a simple gesture. "I want to take the team for workouts all over the Province, giving everyone an opportunity to meet the players and become involved," he said. "After all, it's their team, not mine alone."

Any such attempt at conciliation is welcome, and Ireland will require further assistance from Hamilton and his players this evening if they fail to beat Portugal in Lisbon. Northern Ireland would then have to draw, at least, with Austria for Jack Charlton's side to maintain their interest in the tournament.

"That is not really on my agenda," Hamilton said. "I am aware of it, but I have to be single-minded in what I want to do with my team. If we help them, that's great."

Hamilton's diplomatic virtues are unlikely to extend to giving Jimmy Quinn, on 12 goals, a last chance to equal the Northern Ireland scoring record of 13. Iain Dowie will probably replace him. Keith Gillespie replaces Gerard McMahon on the right wing.

ANDREW SHAW



Roy Hodgson, the English coach of the Switzerland team, leads his squad by example during a training session in St Albans yesterday. Preview: page 48

Clough is ready to take over at Molineux

BRIAN CLOUGH yesterday said that he is ready to make a remarkable return to football management with Wolverhampton Wanderers. Clough, 60, who has been out of football since resigning as manager of Nottingham Forest in May 1993, is interested in taking over at Molineux after the resignation of Graham Taylor on Monday.

He said: "They [the Football Association] would not give me the chance of preceding or following Graham Taylor as manager of England, but I would not mind succeeding him at Wolves."

Clough has had little involvement in the game since ending his career at the City Ground after Forest's relegation to the Endsleigh League first division in 1993.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Nicholl, the Raith Rovers manager, has been linked with the post, but the former Manchester United, Rangers and Northern Ireland defender declined to comment. He has twice guided Raith to promotion to the Scottish League premier division as well as their remarkable Coca-Cola Cup triumph over Celtic last season.

Bryan Richardson, the Coventry City chairman, issued a hands-off warning when it was suggested that Ron Atkinson, his manager, and Gordon Strachan, his player-coach might be targets.

Howard Kendall has already indicated that he will be applying for the position, while Mike Walker, the former Norwich City and Everton manager, is also known to be interested.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 1995-96

CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK
(AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS - NOVEMBER 1995)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Bill under the above name or short title should consider certain amendments to the Bill the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1.(a) Construction of works in the London boroughs of Newham, Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham to provide for an extended tunnel beneath Barking, comprising -

Work No. 22 - A railway, in substitution for parts of the railways (Works Nos 7 and 8) as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing beneath a point adjacent to Barrington Road, Newham, passing eastwards to a new tunnel portal east of Renwick Road and then terminating by a new junction with Work No 8 at a point east of Dagenham Dock station;

Works Nos. 22A to 22G - Railways being a realignment of the Tilbury Loop Railway, holding and construction sidings and consquential connecting railways;

Work No 22H - Realignment of Choats Manor Way and Hayes Wharf access road;

Work No 22J - A jetty in the River Thames at Barking Reach;

Work No. 8U(13) - A cut forming a diversion of The Gores.

(b) Construction of works in the London borough of Havering and in the borough of Thurrock, county of Essex, to provide for the realignment of the rail link in the vicinity of Mardyke Park, comprising -

Work No.23 - A railway, in substitution for parts of the railways (Works Nos. 8 and 9) as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing at Wennington Marshes west of Mardyke Park, passing south-eastwards on viaduct over the Tilbury Loop Railway (Work No.23A) then at ground level to the north of the said Park and terminating by a new junction with Work No 9 at a point east of the junction of London Road, Purfleet with the Purfleet Bypass;

Work No 23A - A railway, being a realignment of the Tilbury Loop Railway to the west of the said Park, passing in tunnel under Work No.23;

Work No. 23B - Diversion of Tank Hill Road, Thurrock, and associated access roads;

Work No.23C - Diversions of Arterial Road, Purfleet, and Purfleet Bypass at their junction and of Tank Lane and Botany Way, Thurrock, including a new road between Arterial Road and Tank Lane;

Work No.23D - A cut forming a diversion of the Aveley Sewer.

(c) Construction of works in the district of Shepway, parish of Newington and town of Folkestone, in the county of Kent, to provide for a revised connection with the Eurotunnel Railway at Cheriton, comprising -

Work No 18AA - A railway, being an extension of the railway (Work No18A) as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing on the western side of the M20, passing over the M20, the A20 and an access road within the Channel Tunnel Terminal and terminating by a junction with the Eurotunnel Railway within the Terminal area.

(d) Provision for the diversion of services and of public utilities' apparatus in the London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham and Havering in the vicinity of the proposed A13 trunk road partly under construction at Dagenham.

2. Provision to carry out subsidiary works; to lay out or improve means of access in locations shown on the deposited plans; diversion of overhead electric lines in Barking, Havering and Thurrock; and temporary interference with the River Thames at Barking Reach in connection with works at Barking.

3. Interference with highways including stopping up or diversion of specified parts of roads and footpaths on realignment or diversion of such highways specified in paragraph 1 above and parts of other footpaths in the areas mentioned in that paragraph as shown on the deposited plans; and closure of Tank Hill Road level crossing, Thurrock.

4. Compulsory acquisition of land within limits of deviation for the Works or within limits of land to be acquired or used shown on the deposited plans in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 above; further powers for the acquisition of land so shown for specified purposes and temporary possession and use of certain land so shown for other specified purposes. The land which may be acquired or used includes part of the Playing Fields (Barrington Road) (area 2,749 sq.m.) in the London borough of Newham and Spiders Field (Tank Hill Road) (area1,836 sq.m.) in the borough of Thurrock.

5. Stopping up of further footpaths and of road works at Junction 2 on the M2 constructed in consequence of the rail link and subsequently made redundant by the construction of the M2 widening works, comprising -

(a) stopping up of footpath NS312, in the parish of Shorne, borough of Gravesham, for a distance of 45 metres north-eastwards from its junction with Watling Street (A2);

(b) stopping up of footpath MR14, in the parish of Aylesford, borough of Tonbridge and Malling, for a distance of 120 metres westwards from its junction with Maidstone Road (A229);

(c) stopping up of all or part of Works Nos 13A (1) to 13A(4) and 13C (being slip roads described in Schedule 1 to the Bill) if Works Nos. 36A, 36C to 36F and 38F (being slip roads described in Schedule 11 to the Bill) are constructed at a later date.

6. Alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding planning permission for development authorised by Part I of the Bill in relation to buildings, underground structures and construction camps.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plans and Sections, with Books of Reference to those Plans, relating to the areas affected by the proposed Amendments have been deposited for public inspection at the offices referred to in Part I of the scheduled list below.

Relevant Supplements to the Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summaries of those Supplements have also been deposited for public inspection and for sale at reasonable prices at each of the offices mentioned in Part I of the scheduled list marked thus* and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent.

Copies of the Bill and of the proposed Amendments are available for inspection and copies of the proposed Amendments are available for sale at a reasonable price at each of those offices mentioned in Part I of the scheduled list marked thus* and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent. Copies of the Bill are also on sale at Her Majesty's Stationery Office at 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HR.

Copies of the Bill, and of the proposed Amendments and the relevant Plans and Sections, Books of Reference, Environmental Statement Supplements and Non-Technical Summaries are also available for public inspection at the libraries referred to in Part II of the scheduled list.

The Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons as a public Bill. In the House of Commons, the effect of an Order made by that House, Petitions in opposition to the proposed Amendments must be presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office of the the House of Commons not later than 6th December 1995. In the House of Lords, objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the latest date for depositing such a Petition against the Bill may be the subject of an Order made by that House, or if no Order is made, will be the tenth day after that on which the Bill receives its First reading in that House. In the latter case, if this date is a Sunday, Christmas Day or a Bank Holiday, or day on which the House does not sit, the final date for depositing may be postponed. Information about the deposit of such Petitions may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent.

Dated 8th November 1995

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76 Marsham Street,
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SCHEDULED LIST

PART I

For works and lands for the Barking Extended Tunnel, with the -

*Director of Corporate Services, London Borough of Newham, Town Hall, East Ham, London E6 2RP;
*Director of Administration and Legal Services, London Borough of Redbridge, Town Hall, 128-142 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1DD
*Chief Executive, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, Civic Centre, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 7DR and at his office at the Town Hall, Barking, IG11 7LU;

For works and lands for the Mardyke Park Realignment, with the:-

*Chief Executive, London Borough of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 3DB;
* County Secretary, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1LX;
*Chief Executive, Thurrock Borough Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL;

For works and lands for the revised Eurotunnel Railway Connection, with the-

*Joint Secretary, Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ;
*Chief Executive, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY:
Clerk to the Newington Parish Council, 1 Peene House Cottages, Peene, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8BA;

For the lands for the A13 Service Diversions with the -

*Chief Executive, London Borough of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 3DB;
*Chief Executive, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, Civic Centre, Dagenham, Essex RM10 7DR and at his office at the Town Hall, Barking IG11 7LU.

PART II

For the works and lands for the Barking Extended Tunnel, at the -

East Ham Reference Library, High Street, London E6 4EL;
Central Library, Clements Road, Ilford, IG1 1EA;
Central Library, Axe Street, Barking, IG11 7NB;

For the works and lands for the Mardyke Park Realignment, at the -

Central Lending Library, St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR;
Grays Library, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DF;

For the works and lands for the revised Eurotunnel Railway Connection, at the -

Folkestone Library, 2 Grace Hill, Folkestone, CT20 1HD;

For the lands for the A13 Services Diversions, at the -

Central Library, Axe Street, Barking, IG11 7NB;
Central Lending Library, St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TYSONS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2654099
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated this 13th day of November 1995

I C Powell, Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
JFD REALISATIONS LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS JF DONELON & COMPANY LIMITED)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 3671195
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of JFD Realisations Limited (formerly known as JF Donelon & Company Limited) will be held at 11.00am on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DTP REALISATIONS PLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS DONELON TYSON PROPERTIES PLC)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2339063
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of DTP Realisations Plc (formerly known as Donelon Tyson Properties Plc) will be held at 1.30pm on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE

0171-782 7344
FAX: 0171-782 7827

Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

SAN FREDIANO (1986) LIMITED
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

The Insolvency Act 1986

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All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated this 9th November 1995

K P BARRY, FCA, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TYSONS PLC
REGISTERED NUMBER: 171417
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of Tysons Plc will be held at 2.00pm on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DONELON TYSON PLC
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2343151
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of Donelon Tyson Plc will be held at 10.00am on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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I C Powell, Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GUARDIAN DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 1256129
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of Guardian Distribution Limited will be held at 2.15pm on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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WAYMALL LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Population and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 20 November 1995 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr B Lord of Population and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD was appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M S KILCOUR, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TYSONS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 1292684
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of Tysons Property Management Limited will be held at 3.00pm on 28 November 1995 at The Moat House, 1 Bridge Street, Bolton, BL1 2EW for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 24 of the said Act.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TYSONS (JOINERY) LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 868123
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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WORD-WATCHING
By Philip Howard

Answers

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Nations hold their breath for Europe's grand finale

Rob Hughes anticipates a night of death and glory with the last round of qualifiers

EUROPE should be burning with anticipation tonight, and with some fear and trepidation, as the remaining places for the European championship finals of 1996 are decided.

England, as hosts, already know that Spain, Russia and Switzerland will join them on merit. After that, because of a complicated mathematical formula dreamt up by a Swiss professor to decide the method of qualification for teams finishing second in their group, confusion reigns.

Uefa, the European governing body, has decreed that the results gained against the bottom two teams in each group will be discarded in the final reckoning. By that criteria, we know that Germany, Scotland and Denmark have already done enough to be assured of playing in the finals, even if they finish second in their groups. It still leaves four very decisive games to be played tonight.

In group six, as is well known, Ireland have the devil's own job attempting to qualify. They simply have to beat Portugal, a team that has come up together from schools level, brimming with technique and vitality, but more than a little suspect in temperament. However, Jack Charlton's reputation, as the Ireland manager, for winning the big ones cannot bring his players youth or good health; they will go down.

At least as big a contest takes place in Holland. Holland, lying third in group five, must also win, against Norway, to qualify and — their own talents so obvious, but their temperament so suspect — would do everybody a favour if they could indeed dispose of Norway, the team that won the medal for boredom during the last World Cup, the team that has carried English long-ball tactics to excruciating extremes.

In the same group, the Czech Republic, at home to Luxembourg, could yet beat the two of them to the top the table.

At Parc des Princes, there is an intriguing replay of France versus Israel. This has the appearance of a no contest, but, think back to October 1993, when France had only to draw against Israel to reach the World Cup finals in the United States and, in the last minutes, failed to do so.

Second in group one behind Romania (who themselves have a tough away game in Slovakia), France need to top this group because, although unbeaten, their record against the better teams in the group is insufficient.

So, whither Cantona and Ginola? Both are spectators, if that. Aimé Jacquet, the France coach who has belatedly found resilience and goalscorers within his squad, has omitted them from the game against Israel. "The team must be spared from surprises just now," Jacquet said. "This is a match we have to win."

All these matches, where nervousness might get the better of competitive will, may be a distraction while England contest nothing more than home pride against Switzerland. Yet, if the search is for quality, then the group seven decider between Germany and Bulgaria might provide it.

Bulgaria have beaten Germany twice in the past 18 months, including the 2-1 World Cup victory that sent Germany home and Bulgaria to the semi-finals. Germany could afford, under the mathematical formula, to draw tonight; but Bulgaria need to win the group, and they have 700,000 reasons for doing so — the number of pounds sterling on offer for them as a team to qualify.

Zimbabwe have replaced Nigeria in the four-nation tournament in South Africa at the weekend after the latter's expulsion from the competition for political reasons. The Zimbabwe squad includes two British-based players — Bruce Grobbelaar and Peter Ndlovu.



Taylor, who had seen England lose a vital World Cup qualifying match in Rotterdam, has the look of a beaten man. Photograph: Chris Smith

Public target who did the decent thing

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Alas poor Graham. Thus passes one not easily rattled but, being wrought, perplexed in the extreme. Graham Taylor, former England manager, turnip and syntactical nonpareil, has resigned again. The wanderer has left Wolverhampton.

Football giveth and football taketh away, and those who live by the boot shall perish by the boot; but it is hard not to feel bad about Taylor. Another Taylor humiliation: can I not take that?

"I don't have to prove anything to anybody," he said defiantly after his first match as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, while the crowd sang the irrefragable truth that there was only one Graham Taylor.

Yet he did. He had to prove to the world not only that he was a half-decent manager, but also that he was a plausible human being. His career as public target had robbed him of both those things.

In truth, things were not so bad as all that at Wolverhampton, but the shadow of the turnip hung over him. Anything short of instant success was disaster. It is a sad way for a miracle-worker to end up.

For Taylor was seen as a miracle-worker once. He got Watford to second place in the championship and to an FA Cup final. He launched the career of John Barnes and, still more miraculous, made Luther Blissett an England player and a million-pound buy for AC Milan.

I remember watching Watford in Europe, bizarre thought, when they beat Kaiserslautern, against all the predictions of the pundits, on a night of mad all-out attack. Watford became the bumblebee of English football; every expert on aerodynamics proved that they could not fly.

It was all good fun, and Taylor was at its heart. Well, it could not happen to a more decent man, we all thought. Always amiable; always, even when philosophically at odds, helpful to us press chaps. Even then, spoken of as a future England manager.

There was a feeling that his success at Aston Villa — second in the championship, anyway — had the kulaks of Lancaster Gate sighing typhoons of relief. At last they could appoint this decent and plausible man as England manager.

For, before the destruction of Taylor at any rate, there was a Lancaster Gate managerial type. A plausible person: well-spoken *ma non troppo*. Not too salt-of-the-earth either; politic, cautious, meticulous and capable of just the right amount of deference. Not Brian Clough, Ron Greenwood. Not Jack Charlton, Graham Taylor.

Alf Ramsey was the exception, of course. He had the madness, the impossible self-belief, the Nelson touch of Clough at his best — plus, when it suited him, the plausibility of Taylor.

Taylor began his period in charge with a kind of press open day. Taylor communicated a lot. Taylor communicated not wisely but too well.

Rather like Raymond Illingworth, the England cricket manager, Taylor liked to explore ideas by talking about them in press conferences. This is all right if you win, like most other things in sport. When you lose, you are merely saving the enemy the trouble of manufacturing bullets.

Now, tabloid vilification is all very nasty, but it does not often work. Generally, the person vilified becomes an object of mass public sympathy. Taylor, though, lost this natural sympathy by one act, the most dreadful piece of public relations that he could have come up with. He substituted Gary Lineker.

"There's only one Alan Smith." Eh?

Do we not care for that? Lineker was seen as the most decent man in the history of football — no, the world. Ramsey dropped Jimmy Greaves and won the World Cup. Taylor substituted Lineker and lost everything; including public respect.

Perhaps, though Taylor will most certainly deny it, he lost self-respect as well; and, perhaps, it was in search of that mislaid quality that brought him back into football management at Wolverhampton. His departure is the more saddening for that.

Taylor has never been accused of handling suitcases full of used fivers; has never been caught waist-deep in chorus girls; has never peddled *Why I Hate Big Ron* stories. These people are the real turnips, a malodorous and unpalatable side dish of the game. Taylor did his best and fell short; there are, indeed, worse crimes.

IN BRIEF

Olympians press for funds from lottery

GREAT Britain's elite competitors have written to the Government asking for a total of £1 million from the National Lottery proceeds to help to prepare for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year. Adrian Moorhouse, the 1988 Olympic breaststroke champion, said yesterday: "We are not fulfilling our potential. We want Government support."

Money from the lottery, which is distributed by the Sports Council, is designed for capital projects. However, a Government spokesman said yesterday that the Millennium Commission might consider applications for sport as part of its plans to establish a talent fund for young people.

Prost in reserve

Motor racing: Alain Prost, the former world champion, may return to the Formula One grid next season. Prost, who has agreed to do some development work for McLaren-Mercedes, could start the 1996 season if Mika Hakkinen has not recovered in time from the head injuries that he received during a crash in qualifying for the Australian Grand Prix.

Stadium deal

Rugby league: Widnes expect to be playing in a new £7 million home, which will accommodate 15,000 spectators, at Naughton Park within 18 months, after agreeing a deal with Halton Borough Council, which is paying around £300,000 for the existing stadium.

Stevens leads

Snooker: Matthew Stevens took control of the Benson and Hedges Championship final at the JP Snooker Centre, Edinburgh, yesterday when he established a 6-1 lead over Paul McPhillips in the first session of the best-of-17 frames contest. Stevens, 18, was left requiring only three of the remaining ten frames for his first title as a professional.

Brown defends

Hockey: Karen Brown, formerly a midfield player, will play at full back for Great Britain when they take on Canada in their opening match in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Cape Town tomorrow.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

What would be your emotions as West on this hand, after the various stages of the following auction?

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S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

When I held the hand, my first thought over One Spade was whether to double. A close decision; at some other tables in the BBL Premier League, West did double. Having passed, I then felt that I had made the right decision when North bid Three Spades — usually, they go on to game after that sequence and, had I doubled One Spade, that would have given the declarer information on the play.

Then, when South passed Three Spades, I was back to wishing that I had acted on the first round. South is marked with a minimum hand and it is quite possible that East - West have a making contract. There is a good case for West acting at this point, by re-opening with a double, but I passed again. What would you lead?

About the only thing I did right on the hand was to lead a heart. I did that on the basis that I do not like leading singleton trumps and, as I had to lead away from a king, hearts was best as it was my strongest suit. This was the full deal:

Dealer South **Love all** **IMP's**

	♠KJ853 ♥87 ♦Q942 ♣102	
♠6 ♥KJ32 ♦K875 ♣K743	N W E S	♠A2 ♥Q9654 ♦J106 ♣AQ9
	♠Q10974 ♥A10 ♦A3 ♣J865	

Contract: Three Spades by South Lead: Two of Hearts

At least a heart lead beat the contract; it was not much consolation as Four Hearts was cold for East - West. At the other table in our match, the auction was the same, but West led diamonds, her second strongest suit. This let the contract home.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's jackpot

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, netted a jackpot of $80,000 (about £51,000) by winning the Paris leg of the Intel speed chess grand prix.

By defeating Vladimir Kramnik, the young Russian grandmaster, in a dramatic closing game, Kasparov secured for himself both the winner's purse from Paris of $30,000 and an additional bonus of $50,000 for the overall circuit winner.

Kramnik, who had acted as Kasparov's second in the recent world championship match in New York, employed a variation against Kasparov's favourite King's Indian Defence that had twice brought him victory before against the champion.

On this occasion, though, Kasparov swiftly established fluid counterplay and ultimately annihilated his young opponent with a series of hammer-blows against his king.

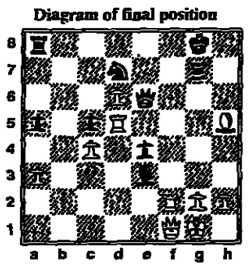
White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Garry Kasparov
Intel grand prix
Paris, November 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	d4	0-0
6	Be2	e5
7	d5	a5
8	Bg5	h6
9	Bh4	Na6
10	0-0	Qe8
11	Nd2	Nh7
12	a3	h5
13	f3	Bd7
14	b3	f5
15	Rb1	Nc5
16	Nb5	Bxb5
17	cxb5	Bh8
18	exd5	gd5
19	b6	cxb6
20	Nc4	Qg6
21	Be7	Rf7
22	Bxd6	Rg7
23	Rf2	e4
24	Bxc5	bxc5
25	fxe4	fxe4
26	d6	Nf6
27	Qf1	Nd7
28	Rd1	b5
29	Rd5	bxc4
30	Bxh5	Qe6
31	bxc4	Be3

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

WOGDON
a. A carpenter's awl
b. A breed of shaggy dog
c. A pistol

THETFORD
a. A racing spinnaker
b. A Norfolk jacket
c. Old crocks

SHIRLEY
a. A carriage with a fringe
b. A poppy
c. An effeminate man

SPRECHGESANG
a. Chanting
b. A learned symposium
c. Regret

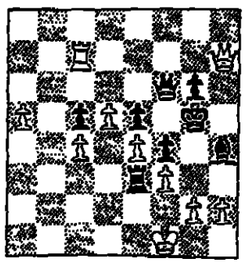
Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Cheron — Polikier, Chamonix, 1927. The black king is stuck in the centre, while White's forces are fully co-ordinated and have adopted threatening positions along the open files. How did White now win quickly?

Solution on page 44



Depleted Scotland go down to Ireland

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

SCOTLAND'S problems multiplied in the world team squash championships in Cairo yesterday. Alan Thomson, the fourth string, was stricken with flu symptoms and unable to play, so only the top three men took on Ireland in qualifying pool C, and they went down 2-1.

Scotland travelled to Cairo without their two most highly ranked players — Peter Nicol, the world No 3, and Martin Heath, ranked No 30 — who are in dispute with the Scottish squash authorities over payments and selection criteria, respectively. They therefore dared hope for no more than to retain their place among the world's top 16 nations.

However, a heavy defeat at the hands of a buoyant Canadian squad on the first qualifying day made even that prospect unlikely; and the result yesterday, with only Dave Gordon preventing a more comprehensive defeat by fighting back to win against Steve Richardson 10-8, 2-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-1, means that the Scots will be struggling to keep their aim alive when they meet Austria tomorrow.

"It's not looking too good," Barry Sutherland, the third string, admitted after he had been beaten 9-2, 10-9, 9-4 by Eouin Ryan. Alisdair Taylor lost the first-string match conclusively to Derek Ryan 9-1, 9-1, 9-1.

Ireland meet Canada tomorrow in the crunch match of the group for a place in the top eight play-offs, while England face Pakistan, the No 2 seeds, in a match that will almost certainly determine the shape of the semi-finals on Friday.

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ENGLAND TO WIN			
5/1	1-0	12/1	3-1
13/2	2-0	33/1	3-2
7/1	2-1	33/1	4-0
11/1	3-0	33/1	4-1

SWITZERLAND TO WIN			
8/1	1-0	50/1	3-0
16/1	2-0	50/1	3-1
16/1	2-1	50/1	3-2

ODDS FOR A DRAW			
6/1	0-0	20/1	2-2
5/1	1-1	80/1	3-3

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Small dropped as world champions call up Olivier on right wing against England

South Africa prefer fiery Dalton at Twickenham

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FIVE of the players who shared in that tumultuous June day five months ago when South Africa won rugby union's World Cup will be missing when they play England at Twickenham on Saturday, three through injury and two by design.

Chris Rossouw, the hooker who benefited from the expulsion from the World Cup of James Dalton, hands back the No 2 jersey. It goes to Dalton, who became only the second South African in history to be sent off in an international match when he became involved in the fight which disfigured the meeting in Port Elizabeth with Canada. He was suspended from the tournament but was restored against Wales in September.

If that was to be expected, the preference on the right wing for Jacques Olivier, ahead of James Small, was not. Small played in the victory over Italy in Rome on Sunday and he is the only change from that XV and from the back division that played against New Zealand in the World Cup final.

"The change was made on form," Morne du Plessis, the team manager, said after the party trained at the Honourable Artillery Company ground in the City yesterday. "Olivier has had an outstanding end to the season."

The Northern Transvaal wing, 27 on Monday, was recovering from a serious injury and could not be considered for the World Cup squad. Now, winning his twelfth cap, he becomes the only survivor from the side beaten 33-16 by England at Twickenham in 1992.

Small, who also played in that match, had a critical role in the World Cup final in policing Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand wing; but he may be only one of several players flagging at the end of a long season.

"In one sense, this is a test too far, but the redeeming feature is its special significance," du Plessis said. "Whatever the result, the squad will need, and deserve, a couple of months' total relaxation."

Injuries removed four tight forwards — Os du Randt, Balie Swart, Hannes Strydom and Gary Pagel, all of whom played in the final — from contention and allowed for the inclusion of Tommie Laubscher and Toks van der Linde, two Western Province props. Laubscher enjoyed a successful tour of Scotland and Wales last year, while van der Linde, who made his international debut in Rome at the age of 25, rose to prominence during his province's run in the Currie Cup.

A former Free State player, van der Linde suffered a neck injury last year, but made a good recovery from his operation. His value to the squad is that he can play on both sides of the scrum, though Jason Leonard, with 43 caps to his name, will offer a searching examination of his credentials.

"England's team may have changed, but we are making changes too, trying to put a new front row and back row together," Kitch Christie, the coach, said. That includes the moving of Francois Pienaar, captain in all his 23 internationals (he passed Dawie de Villiers's national record on Sunday), from the blind-side flank to No 8, where he has spent much of this season with Transvaal.

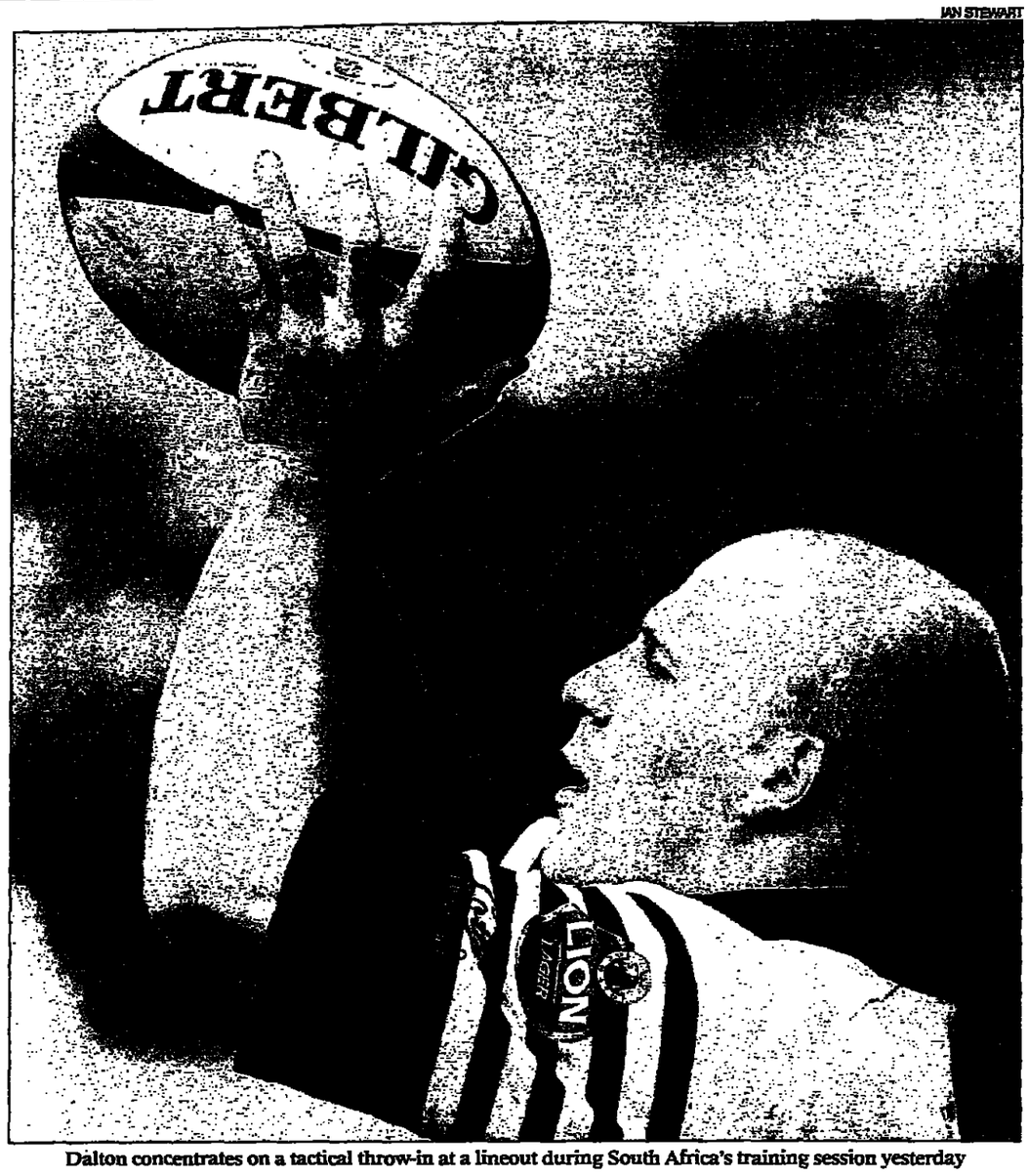
Pienaar makes no secret of his belief that England will be a more dangerous combination than they proved in South Africa during the summer, though cynics may recall other times when opponents — notably David Campese, of Australia — have tried to nudge England towards a style of play with which they were less than familiar.

"We feel they will run from second phase, play a more open game and they have very talented players with which to do that," Pienaar said. "You can't compare the team with that which played in the World Cup. They are playing in their own conditions, not ours, and they will want to show the rest of the world that their heavy defeat by New Zealand in the semi-final was a one-off."

SOUTH AFRICA

A J Joubert (Natal); J Olivier (Northern Transvaal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), H P le Roux (Transvaal), C M Williams (Western Province); J T Stransky (Western Province), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal); T G Laubscher (Western Province), J Dalton (Transvaal), A van der Linde (Western Province), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), J J Wiese (Transvaal), M G Andrews (Natal), F J van Heerden (Western Province), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain). Replacements: J T Small (Natal), H W Honiball (Natal), J P Roux (Transvaal), W Meyer (Eastern Province), C le C Rossouw (Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal).

IAN STEWART



Dalton concentrates on a tactical throw-in at a lineout during South Africa's training session yesterday

Spotlight falls on Seles with Pierce's departure

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

WITHOUT so much as striking a ball in anger, Monica Seles stole the limelight at the Women's Tennis Association Tour championships on Monday night. She arrived at Madison Square Garden here to pick up two awards, for the comeback player of the year — as voted by the players — and for the most exciting player of the year — as voted by the supporters. Compared with the other stars on show, she had by far the most profitable night.

By the time that the top 16 women gather here, the stresses and strains of a year on the road begin to show. Five of them are carrying injuries while Arantxa Sánchez Vicario is just plain exhausted. It all caught up with Mary Pierce and Jana Novotna as they lost to Anke Huber and Kimiko Date, respectively, in the first round.

For Pierce, it was a miserable end to what had begun as a sparkling year. After winning the Australian Open in January, she has managed to win only one tournament, in Japan, and to lose in the final of two more. On Monday, she was blown away by the pace and power of Huber to lose 6-2, 6-3.

The two women have almost identical games, walloping the ball from the baseline and, on this occasion, Huber proved the better at the tactic. Pierce could do nothing right. She was broken in the opening game and for the rest of the set it was all downhill. She fought back briefly at the start of the second, but Huber kept grinding her down as shots from both flanks landed within inches of the lines and left Pierce flat-footed.

"My legs weren't moving well at all; I just felt like nothing was really there," Pierce, whose world ranking dropped from fourth to sixth after her early exit from the Philadelphia championships last week, said.

It was, according to Pierce, surprising rather than disappointing that her year had petered out so dramatically. However, after a series of illness and injury problems, she thought that she could not expect much more.

Novotna had expected more of herself against Date and was hoping that a good run here would compensate for a distinctly average year. She opted to stay back in the first set with reasonable success and, by the second, was becoming a little more adventurous. By then, though, the diminutive Japanese baseline specialist was into her stride and she went through 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Ferreira's carefree lead brings best out of Becker

FROM STUART JONES TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

BY DEFINITION, the Association of Tennis Professionals championship finals feature an all-star cast. There are, nevertheless, principals and, on the opening day, one of them was in danger of being overshadowed by an understudy. Boris Becker was initially overwhelmed by Wayne Ferreira before beating him.

Becker is the veteran of the event. Only once in the past decade, in 1993, has he failed to qualify as one of the best eight players in the world at the end of the year. Ferreira is a novice. His appearance, as a belated replacement for the injured Andre Agassi, is his first.

Becker, the champion three years ago, had everyone inside the Festhalle on his side. Considerably more popular than Michael Stich, the only other world-class German player, he is regarded as an icon throughout his homeland and particularly in his favourite indoor arena here.

One spectator, though, went too far. On his feet and twirling his maroon jacket around his head, he became less than an amusing distraction.

"He obviously knew his tennis," Becker remarked laconically. "At every big point, he stood up." Becker's father, recognising his son's increasing irritation, went over to calm the zealot.

When asked why he had started less than convincingly, Becker said: "The problem was Wayne Ferreira. I didn't have a chance for half an hour. He was hitting winners all over the place." Ferreira was benefiting from a carefree attitude created by his unexpected and unearned entry to the tournament.

With nothing to lose, he blazed a sequence of uninhibited shots past his startled opponent. Becker responded to take the second set, but was again in peril, a break point down at 4-4 in the third, before he put the South African under sustained pressure. At 5-6, Ferreira endured nine deuces and saved four match points to take the prolonged duel into a decisive tie-break, which Becker secured 7-5 to win 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

Pete Sampras, with the assistance of 18 aces, had earlier taken an hour less to dismiss Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-3, 6-3.

Sampras, the champion in 1991 and last year as well as being the runner-up in 1993, and Becker need only one more win to be assured of a place in the semi-finals. The matter will not remain complicated for long. They meet each other this afternoon.

Union accepts right to write

SCOTLAND'S international squad and the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) reached an uneasy compromise yesterday in the row over a "censorship clause" that the SRU wants inserted into contracts with the players. However, this latest delay means that contracts will not, as the SRU had hoped, be signed before the international against Western Samoa on Saturday.

Rob Wainwright, the captain, Craig Chalmers and Kenny Logan, the three high-profile members of the squad who write weekly newspaper columns, will be allowed to continue to do so, but under more stringent conditions, while permission for other interviews before important games will be granted at the SRU's discretion.

Jim Telfer, the SRU's director of rugby and chairman of selectors, had wanted a ban on personal columns for three days either side of an international, but relented after discussions yesterday with the players and Ian MacLauchlan, their agent.

The players, who will earn more than £20,000 over the next five months, on top of any other commercial activities, want time to digest the small print of the contracts that the SRU has drawn up.

Rather than be distracted from its preparations for the game against Western Samoa, the squad wants a breathing space. Over the next few weeks, lawyers will study the fine detail of such issues as boot deals — despite some reservations, the squad has agreed to sign with Nike — and the number of personal appearances expected of each player.

Optimism high over stadium

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) returns to the negotiating table today, optimistic that amendments that it has made to plans for the redevelopment of the national stadium will win the approval of the Millennium Commission (David Hands writes).

The WRU's application for funding worth £49 million — which it will match from the private sector — was rejected last month, largely because it involved two distinct capital projects by dispatching Cardiff Athletic Club from its present ground at the Arms Park to the Cardiff Bay area. The fresh proposal is an all-embracing development in the heart of the Welsh capital.

The enthusiastic support of the South Glamorgan Council involves turning the present stadium through 90 degrees, moving it south towards the railway station, incorporating the Cardiff club ground and making what is described as a complete regeneration of the Taff river bank area.

The council believes that the stadium can play a considerable part in keeping the heart of the city alive, a belief based on sound commercial reasoning — rugby brings more than £6 million into city shops and hotels on match weekends.

"Nothing else before the commission comes close to matching the combination of sporting profile and a much-needed facility," Vernon Pugh, the WRU chairman, said, referring to Wales's hosting of the premier international sporting event of 1999, rugby union's World Cup, which will close just two months before the new millennium begins.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

HUESCA, Spain: International match: Spain 91 England 70.

BOWLS

JERSEY: European indoor team championship: Men: Pairs: Wales 23 Guernsey 9; Scotland 29 Jersey 11; Ireland 28 England 17. Triples: Wales 16 Ireland 15, England 24 Scotland 9; Guernsey 19 Jersey 14. Women: Pairs: England 22 Jersey 14; Wales 31 Scotland 11, Ireland 18 Guernsey 15. Triples: Scotland 18 Jersey 14; Wales 19 Guernsey 10; England 17 Ireland 10

CRICKET

LAHORE: Tour match (final day of four). Pakistan Cricket Board XI: First innings: 301 (Saeed Azad 117, Shadab Kabir 61, Adil Nisar 57; D W Headley 5-68).

Second Innings

Jawad Sami c Knight b Headley	3
Adil Nisar c sub b Headley	29
Shadab Kabir c Knight b Headley	2
Saeed Azad b Stemp	21
*Aamir Hanif c Hussain b Salisbury	10
Wajahatullah c Piper b Stemp	22
†Majid Inayat c Hussain b Stemp	16
Iftikher Asghar b Salisbury	35
Fahad Khan not out	4
Shoaib Akbar b Stemp	0
Mubashir Nazeer lbw b Salisbury	1
Extras (b 8, nb 2)	10
Total	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-8, 3-40, 4-87, 5-72, 6-99, 7-148, 8-148, 9-148.

BOWLING: Headley 12-1-33-3; White 8-1-30-0; Stemp 17-8-46-4; Irani 2-1-5-0; Salisbury 11 4-3-31-3

England A: First Innings: 355 (A McGrath 103, N Hussain 83, J E R Gallian 67, Mubashir Nazeer 4-51).

Second Innings

N V Knight b Fahad Khan	19
J C Pooley c Adil Nisar b Mubashir Nazeer	2
R C Irani not out	53
C White not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 6)	11
Total (2 wkts)	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-48.

Bowling: Mubashir Nazeer 6-2-13-1; Shoaib Akbar 5-1-20-0, Aamir Hanif 1-0-8-0; Fahad Khan 6.4-0-37-1; Iftikher 6-1-17-0.

GAUHATI, INDIA: Women's International (one-day match): India 85 all out (Chamberlain 4-18, Lang 3-27); England 78 all out (Dabir 3-13). India won by seven runs.

CASTLE CUP (last day of four): Johannesburg: Transvaal 431 and 77-1; Border 180 and 324 (P Botha 94; S Jacobs 4-45). Transvaal beat Border by nine wickets. Bloemfontein: Northern Transvaal 259 and 368, Free State 239 and 389-6 (H Cronje 156). Free State beat Northern Transvaal by four wickets.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Azerbaijan 1 Poland 2. Group four: Slovenia 4 Croatia 2. Group five: Czech Republic 4 Luxembourg 0.

Monday's late results

FA CUP: First round: Wycombe Wanderers 1 Gillingham 1 (replay Tuesday, November 21).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United 3 Warrington 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 2 Newport AFC 0.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Second replay: Sudbury 3 Salisbury 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 7 Brighton 0; Chelsea 1 Bristol City 2; Millwall 2 West Ham 2; Swindon 0 Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham 3 Watford 2. Second division: Cheltenham 3 Birmingham 4.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham 1 Stoke 3, Wolverhampton 2 Oldham 1. Second division: Barnsley 1 Middlesbrough 3.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Southport 1 Burnley 2; Tranmere 2 Wrexham 2; Grimsby 3 Chesham 4, Wrexham 0 Northampton 1. Second round: Swansea 0 Portsmouth 0

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce public schools old boys doubles championship: Quarter-finals: Eton 1 (M Hue Williams and W Boone) bt Marlborough 0 (G Barker and C Woridge) 15-1, 12-15, 15-3, 3-15, 15-8, Tonbridge 1 (J Spurling and J Longley) bt Harrow 0 (J Prenn and C Hue Williams) 15-9, 15-9, 14-17, 9-15, 15-3, Wellington (T and W Stawrey-Cookson) bt Rugby 1 (G Devereux and R Trimble) 15-13, 7-15, 15-10, 15-11. Radley 1 (J Male and J Snow) bt Haileybury (R Wakely and R Walker) 15-5, 15-3, 15-0

REAL TENNIS

ORATORY SCHOOL: British Land national women's handicap championship. First division: Singles: C Nicholls bt L Bamfield 6-5. Second division (at Holyport): Singles: C Walker bt J Ayers 8-1. Doubles: Walker and T Fabbri bt C Harding and W Williams 8-4.

HAMPTON COURT: British Land British Open qualifying tournament: Qualifying round: P Jarvis bt K Ludekens 6-4, 4-6, 6-5. W Hollington bt I Snell 6-5, 6-3.

LEAMINGTON: Conrad Construction doubles championship: Final: H Dalton and C Harcourt bt C Wade and J Yorke-Long.

RIFLE SHOOTING

NASELS, Switzerland: Match crossbow (junior world cup: 1, C Miles (GB) 578/98 (world record); 2, R Rotach (Switz) 578/95; 3, N Ettner (Ger) 577.

SQUASH

CAIRO: World team championship: First-qualifying round: Pool B: Pakistan 2 Egypt 1 Pool C: Canada 3 Scotland 0, Ireland 2 Austria 1 Pool D: France 2 Holland 1 Pool F: Malaysia 3 Denmark 0; Argentina 3 Nigeria 0. Pool G: Brazil 3 Greece 0, Japan 2 Portugal 1. Pool H: Italy 3 Kuwait 0

SNOOKER

EDINBURGH: Benson and Hedges championship: Semi-finals: M Stevens (Wales) bt M Couch (Eng) 6-5; P McPhillips (Scot) bt R Milkins (Eng) 6-5

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: ATP men's world championship: Group matches: P Sampras (US) bt Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 6-3, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt W Ferreira (SA) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

NEW YORK: WTA Championship: Singles: First round: K Date (Japan) bt J Novotna (Cz) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-2 6-3. Doubles: First round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and Novotna bt C Martinez (Sp) and P Tarabini (Arg) 6-3, 6-0.

THAILAND: Women's tournament: First round: A Olsza (Pol) bt L Richterova (Cz) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, C Li (China) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-2, 6-4, C Chleas (Rom) bt B Sengkeram (Thai) 6-1, 6-0; P Sungchee (S Kor) bt S Duangchan (Thai) 7-5, 6-3, S Maier (Ger) bt P Schwartz-Ritter, (Ger) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; W Shiting (Taiwan) bt H Mochizuki (Japan) 6-1, 6-4; O Lugino (Ukr) bt K Shibata (Japan) 6-2, 6-4, Y Jing-qian (China) bt I McCalla (US) 6-4, 7-6. N Kajmuta (Japan) bt J Mi-ra (S Kor) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

EDINBURGH: Women's tournament: First round: S Kleinova (Cz) bt R Wolfe (GB) 6-3, 6-2, A Geral (Cz) bt M Schnitzler (Ger) 6-2, 6-1; P Hermida (Sp) bt E Jimenez (Sp) 6-4, 6-3, S Noorlander (Holl) bt C Timm (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; K Cross (GB) bt A Janes (GB) 6-1, 6-3; J Ward (GB) bt M Wainwright (GB) 6-4, 1-6, 7-6

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 43

WOGDON
(c) An eponym of Robert Wogdon (fl. 1776-1800), a noted gunsmith, used absolutely to designate a duelling pistol made by him.

THETFORD
(c) The name of a town in Norfolk used attributively and as a toponym to designate Saxo-Norman pottery of a type made there.

SHIRLEY
(b) The name of a district near Croydon, Surrey, used attributively and as a toponym to designate an annual poppy bearing single or double flowers, usually red, pink or white, and belonging to a variety of *Papaver rhoeas*.

SPECHGESANG
(a) A style of dramatic vocalisation intermediate between speech and song, from the German, literally "speech song".

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1, Nc7+! Nxc7; 2, Rxe7+ Kxe7; 3, Qf6+ Ke8 and now White has the choice of three mating moves: 4, Bxf7; 4, Rd8 and 4, Qd8.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

International match

England v Switzerland (at Wembley, 8.0) .....

European championship

Qualifying group six

Northern Ireland v Austria (Windsor Park, 8.0) .....

Portugal v Ireland (Lisbon, 8.0) .....

Qualifying group seven

Albania v Wales (Tirana, 1.0) .....

Qualifying group eight

Scotland v San Marino (Hampden Park, 8.0) .....

Anglo-Italian Cup

Group A

Ancona v Birmingham (2.0) .....

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: VS Rugby v Rushden and Diamonds. Southern division: Fareham v Newport IoW; Yate v Cinderford. Midland division: Dudley Town v Leicester United; Paget v Corby.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Luton; Southampton v Ipswich (at Marchwood); Wimbledon v Norwich (2.0). Second division: Newport AFC v Bath (7.45); Swansea v Bournemouth (2.0).

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Group one: Conwy v Caernarfon. Group four: Briton Ferry v Afan Lido Group five: Cwmbran v Ton Pentre

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Blackburn v Leeds (at Preston NE), Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd (at Bury). Tranmere v West Bromwich. Second division: Hull v Leicester; Sunderland v Bradford; York v Mansfield; Huddersfield v Barnsley

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Bideford.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Didcot v Abingdon United; Endsleigh v Cirencester; Shortwood v Highworth; Tuffley v Almondsbury.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES FLOODLIT TROPHY: Second round: St Helens v Prescot.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Stafford v Ludlow.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham v Wisbech; Sudbury R v Haverhill; Sudbury v Wroxham.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Christchurch v Portsmouth.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hailsham v Stamco, Hassocks v Ringmer; Whitehawk v Shoreham.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: Third round: Bngg v Stocksbridge PS; Denaby v Pontefract Col; Hall Rd v Liversedge; Selby v Garforth.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE (2.0): Barnet v West Ham, Cambridge v Fulham, Gillingham v Peterborough; Northampton v Leyton Orient.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Wolverhampton v Birmingham; Woking v Croydon. Second round: Swindon v Crystal Palace.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under 19: West Midlands v Herefordshire. FA Premier League Trophy: Under 16: Lancashire v Merseyside; Hampshire v Berkshire. Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: South Nottinghamshire v Rotherham; Stoke v Walsall

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

International match

England Under-21 v Ireland Under-21 (Northampton, 7.0) .....

CIS INSURANCE UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Pool one: Staffordshire v Leicestershire (at Burton).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v Hampshire (United Services, Portsmouth).

TIPP-EX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (at Shelford); Essex v Suffolk (at Brentwood).

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgwater v Plymouth; Coventry v Northampton, High Wycombe v Reading; Oxford University v Major Stanley's XV (3.0); Pontypool v Abertillery (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Stones Championship

Castleford v Wigan .....

London Broncos v Halifax (at Harlequins) .....

Workington v Leeds .....

First division

Dewsbury v Featherstone .....

Hull v Batley (8.0) .....

Rochdale v Huddersfield .....

Wakefield v Widnes .....

Second division

Barrow v Swinton .....

Bramley v Doncaster .....

Highfield v Carlisle .....

Leigh v Hull KR .....

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: European team championships (Jersey).

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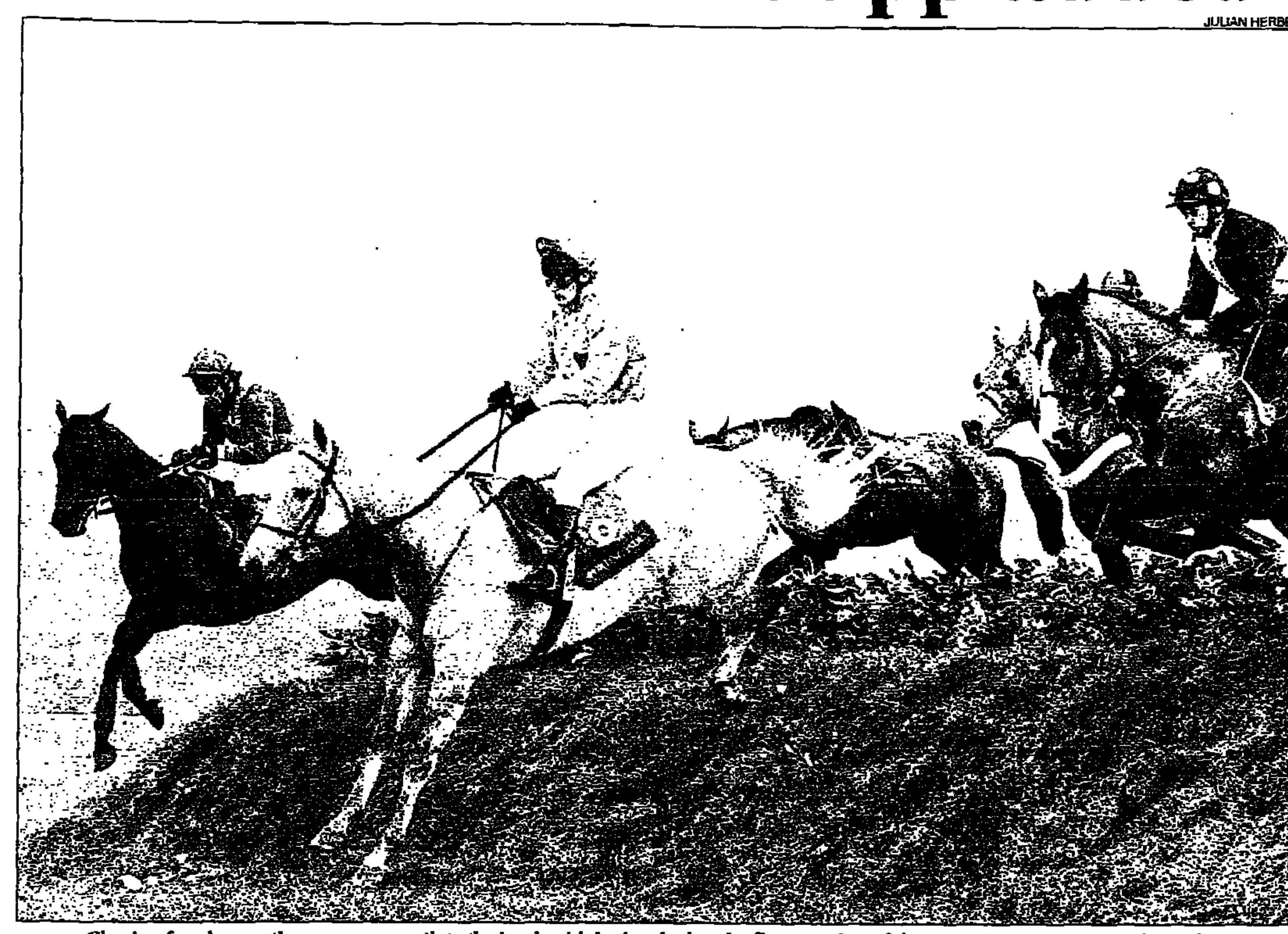
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Ferreira's carefree lead brings best out of Becker

Initiative that should be applauded

Jamie Osborne rode in Cheltenham's first cross-country race and vigorously defends it



JULIAN HERBERT

Chasing for glory as the runners negotiate the bank with hedge during the first running of the cross-country chase at Cheltenham

Racing has no end of critics. Its ruling bodies, the British Horseracing Board and the Jockey Club, come in for seemingly constant criticism from within the sport while its external problems come mainly from animal rights groups who cannot see any justification for its existence in the first place.

Sunday's Sporting Index cross-country steeplechase will no doubt have been watched closely by those bodies condemning racing, especially National Hunt Racing, as cruel.

Unfortunately the veteran Leagaune did pay the ultimate price after landing awkwardly on the bank. This will have done nothing to silence the critics. But it is strange how quickly those who are supposedly on the side of racing were to criticise Cheltenham's innovation and almost sensationalise this one unfortunate incident, thus unnecessarily fuelling a fire that we're trying to control.

We all understand the need to temper the anti-racing lobby. Surely public outcries by professionals from within the sport do more to encourage these groups than the loss of one horse.

No trainer would be foolish enough to run an unsuitable horse in this kind of race and, as long as this is the case, there is no reason why the fatality rate should be any higher than in any other race. If there is a problem with the bank — the feature obstacle on the course — it can be modified.

Cheltenham's go-ahead executive, looking to stimulate international interest, used Sunday's televised meeting as the perfect platform to launch their new three-mile cross-country course, which staged 12 different types of fences including hedges and banks.

At a time when all within the sport are calling for positive measures in an attempt to make racing appeal to a wider audience, Cheltenham's initiative should be applauded not condemned, as it was in some quarters.

Anybody watching Channel 4's coverage of the race could not question that it was an original and highly entertaining spectacle. I viewed it from the back of Docklands Express, who thoroughly enjoyed himself, and I did not consider any of the obstacles to be dangerous or trappy. The course is well designed and beautifully constructed.

The reporting of the event in some newspapers certainly did not reflect the atmosphere surrounding it on the day. The mood at Cheltenham, both before and after the race, was extremely positive.

It was surprising that Charlie Mann, trainer of the Velka Pardubicka Chase winner, Its A Snip, who also fell at the bank on Sunday, was quoted as saying that he didn't agree with the concept of the race and described it as a gimmick.

It is hard to imagine why Mann should take this attitude, having taken the same horse to the Czech Republic to run in the biggest gimmick race of them all. If he was so against the Cheltenham race why take part in it?

Chester Barnes, Martin Pipe's long-time assistant, said the race was a waste of time from a punter's point of view. I'm afraid he is wrong. McGregor The Third took over £16,000 out of the ring on Sunday in recorded big bets alone, more than any other winner on the card. And the race was surely a more competitive betting medium than the two-runner races we had at Cheltenham on Friday.

There were also those who simply dismissed the race, questioning the point of it. If you think like that, what is the point of any race? Racing is a form of entertainment for those who enjoy the spectacle and betting on its outcome. We are an entertainment industry and that is what Sunday's innovative venture was all about.

Ask any Irishman if the bank race at Punchestown should be abolished and he would question your sanity. It is part of Irish tradition. Perhaps the real problem here is tradition or, in this case, a lack of it.

Haydock doubles prize fund for National trial

By Julian Muscat

THE Greenalls Grand National Trial, formerly the Greenalls Gold Cup, has been transformed into Britain's second most valuable handicap over fences as part of an initiative aimed at recharging the fortunes of Haydock Park's feature event on February 24.

With £80,000 in added prize-money, the 3½ mile chase trails only the Grand National itself in value. The race, which has doubled in value overnight, has been accorded grade three status in the Jumping Pattern. Prize-money will be awarded to the first six to finish and, in addition, the first three home at Haydock will align themselves for a possible £58,000 bonus should any go on to victory in the big race at Aintree five weeks later.

Details of the facelift, announced in London yesterday, follow hard on the heels of the Tote raising the financial profile of its Gold Trophy Hurdle at Newbury. Both sponsors have responded to some less than enthralling recent renewals of their respective events with the most positive of approaches.

The onus is now on owners and trainers to endorse these significant financial contributions. Although the race is rarely short of runners, Greenalls has combined with the racecourse executive to counter the attraction of the valuable Kempton Park fixture on the same afternoon.

Concern over the scarcity of runners in important National Hunt races reached a crescendo with the absence of autumnal rain. However, Richard Thomas, racecourse manager at Haydock, conceded: "We are all aware of the problems of getting runners at Haydock Park. We now have a number of incentives — most particularly this race, with its valuable prize-money."

In recent seasons, trainers have largely ignored a succession of inducements to run horses in steeplechases at Haydock. The "drop" fences are among the most demanding in the country, but trainers are not critical of the obstacles. "There's nothing we can put our finger on but the problem has been affecting other courses as well." Bill Whittle, chairman of Haydock Park, said. The situation is of particular concern given increases in the number of National Hunt horses in training.

Perhaps the most significant contributory factor has its roots in the demoralising news to emerge from Ireland yesterday. Jim Dreaper reported that Harcon, his exciting young chaser, has succumbed to a tendon injury and will be out of training for at least 12 months. An assessment of the injured limb will be carried out in December next year, although Dreaper suggested the chestnut could be sidelined until the autumn of 1997 at least.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MIRACLE MAN (2.30 Kempton Park)

Next best: Certainly Strong (3.30 Kempton Park)

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Tickerty's Gift
1.30 Neat Feat
2.00 GLEMOT (nap)
2.30 Better Bythe Glass
3.00 Star Market
3.30 Destiny Calls
4.00 Andanito

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: **1.00 DESERT CHALLENGER.**

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (HURDLES) SIS

1.00 UXBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,980: 2m) (9 runners)

101 22P-51 CAN CAN CHARLIE 13 (F) (G Tufts) J Pearce 5-12-0 L Aspell (3) 90
102 2/26U00- TICKERTY'S GIFT 9F (K Higson) G L Moore 5-11-11 M Attwater (5) 93
103 SP4-005 DESERT CHALLENGER 14 (B) (Andrews Freight) J Jenkins 5-10-13 C Rae (3) ⊕
104 /64/06P- TANGO'S DELIGHT 198 (E Fry) D Elsworth 7-10-8 A Procter 95
105 6/5-0 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 13F (3COM UK) D Thom 6-10-4 G Tormey 87
106 P0/0/ OOZLEM 23F (Brookright Gaiteding) J Poulton 6-10-3 M Clinton (5) –
107 P4-P RED CHANNEL 29 (D Wales) T Casey 5-10-2 Muredach Kelly (3) –
108 062223/ HULLO MARY DOLL 636 (Plough Jumpers) S Mellor 6-10-0 Chris Webb –
109 0PP-P THUNDEROUS 4 (Miss J Sell) J Bridger 4-10-0 Rachel Bridger (5) –

Long handicap: Hullo Mary Doll 9-13, Thunderous 9-2.

BETTING: 5-4 Can Can Charlie, 3-1 Tickerty's Gift, 6-1 Tango's Delight, 7-1 Desert Challenger, 10-1 Oozlem, 12-1 Hullo Mary Doll, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CAN CAN CHARLIE beat Rudi's Pride 3l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). TICKERTY'S GIFT 15l 7th of 10 to Frankus in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, heavy). DESERT CHALLENGER about 8l 5th of 7 to Nordic Valley in conditional jockeys claiming hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). TANGO'S DELIGHT form only when about 28l 6th of 11 finishers to Prince Teeton (Fontwell 3m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CAPTAIN MARMALADE 26l 9th of 13 to Preston Guild in selling hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to firm). HULLO MARRY DOLL 20l 3rd of 9 to Glengarra Princess in novice hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 4f), February 1994.
Selection: DESERT CHALLENGER

1.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE QUALIFIER (£2,780: 2m) (9 runners)

201 0 DANNY GALE 14 (R Corr) Mrs M McCourt 4-11-0 G McCourt –
202 11-2 EXTERIOR PROFILES 39 (BF,F) (Exterior Profiles) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 C Maude ⊕
203 GLENDOE (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 4-11-0 S McNeill –
204 0 JET BOYS 26 (Jel Stationery) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 R Farrant –
205 0/U-6 JIMMY-JADE 33 (G Chamberlain) A Chamberlain 6-11-0 B Powell –
206 1-4 LADY PETA 21 (G) (B Collins) N Henderson 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 93
207 121 NEAT FEAT 11 (F) (Food Brokers) D Elsworth 4-11-0 A McCabe –
208 QUAFF (A Weller) J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide –
209 6/3362- WREN WARBLER 280 (Mrs P Robeson) Mrs P Robeson 5-10-9 M Richards 95

BETTING: 6-4 Lady Peta, 9-4 Exterior Profiles, 9-2 Neat Feat, 8-1 Quaff, 12-1 Danny Gale, Wren Warbler, 14-1 others

1994: MAJOR SUMMIT 5-10-11 P Hide (14-1) J Gifford 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANNY GALE 23l 8th of 16 to Castle Sweep in National Hunt Flat race at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to soft). EXTERIOR PROFILES 2l 2nd of 10 to Le Khoumf in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good). JET BOYS 37l 9th of 24 to Andanito in National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). LADY PETA about 3¾l 4th of 12 to Monicasman in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm). NEAT FEAT beat Mywend's 2½l in 11-runner National Hunt Flat race at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to firm). WREN WARBLER ½l 2nd of 18 to Winn's Pride in maiden hurdle at Ludlow (3m, good to soft)
Selection: EXTERIOR PROFILES

2.00 LIMBER HILL CHASE (Limited handicap: £4,902: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

301 2116F-R BIBENDUM 26 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 9-11-7 Peter Hobbs 92
302 1F/F2P4- COONAWARA 208 (C,D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 9-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 90
303 2-11FP- GVUS A BUCK 354 (B,D,F,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 12-11-6 A Procter (3) ⊕
304 121/U0-2 MULBANK 26 (D,F,G,S) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 9-11-4 C Maude 80
305 311-123 GLEMOT 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Yardy) K Bailey 7-11-3 R Dunwoody 93
306 P2112-3 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) (T Keeping) R Alner 10-10-10 A Maguire 93
307 35521P- LACKENDARA 217 (C,F,G,S) (Opening Bid Pinrs) Miss H Knight 8-10-8 J Osborne 92
308 4/4131/ THE WIDGET MAN 635 (F,G,S) (A Raley) J Gifford 9-10-7 P Hide –
309 31P03F THE GLOW 4 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 7-10-7 P Holley 87
310 3142-53 BOLD CHOICE 34 (D,F,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 9-10-7 J Frost 92

Long handicap: The Widget Man 10-6, The Glow 10-3, Bold Choice 10-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Mulbank, 4-1 Coonawara, 9-2 Seven Of Diamonds, 5-1 Gvus A Buck, 7-1 Glemot, 8-1 Lackendara, 10-1 The Widget Man, 12-1 others

1994: DUBLIN FLYER 8-11-8 B Powell (10-11 fav) T Forster 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

COONAWARA best effort last season when 4l 2nd of 4 to Soree Cross in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). GVUS BUCK completed double, left clear 2 out to beat BIBENDUM (12lb worse off) 30l in the 6-runner grade II Desert Orchid Limited Handicap Chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, firm) October 1994, when MULBANK (14lb worse off) in lead when unseated rider 2 out. MULBANK 5l 2nd of 6 to Buckboard Bounce in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm) with SEVEN OF DIAMONDS (2lb better off) 7l 3rd. BIBENDUM well behind when refused 12th. GLEMOT best effort this season, beat Toureen Prince 25l in 5-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). LACKENDARA beat Sailors Luck 4l in 7-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. THE WIDGET MAN beat Indian Tonic 10l in 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to soft), February 1994.
Selection: LACKENDARA

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 NISSAN FLEET NOVICES CHASE (£3,420: 3m) (6 runners)

401 P12/1 MASTER RYON 7 (F,G) (H Richards) R Alner 7-11-9 C Maude –
402 1PP30-4 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 18 (S) (Broadstone Synd) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 C Maude –
403 0P0- LITTLE ROWLEY 245 (J Judd) T Casey 6-11-2 M A Fitzgerald –
404 /11116- MIRACLE MAN 222 (S) (P Evans) C Weedon 7-11-2 Peter Hobbs –
405 2331-F MYLAND 14 (B,G) (Bonespoint) O Sherwood 6-11-2 J Osborne –
406 0P- SUGAR HILL 207 (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide –

BETTING: 7-4 Miracle Man, 9-4 Better Bythe Glass, 11-4 Master Ryon, 6-1 Myland, 20-1 Sugar Hill, 33-1 Little Rowley

1994: CALL HOME 6-11-3 P Hide (13-8 fav) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER RYON beat Our Wizzer 1½l in 2-runner novice chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm). BETTER BYTHE GLASS 17l 4th of 8 to Nilu Dee in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good). MIRACLE MAN completed four-timer on penultimate start, beat Pragada short-head in 23-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, soft), March 1995. MYLAND 5th when fell 10th in 11-runner novice chase won by Do Rightly at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). Last season 17l 3rd of 18 to Island Chief in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft) with LITTLE ROWLEY 61l 7th.
Selection: MIRACLE MAN

3.00 STUDENT RACEGOER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,436: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

501 0P-2323 TEEN JAY 14 (F,G,S) (G Associates) R Stronge 5-11-13 B Powell 93
502 2/11400- REDEEMYOURSELF 222 (S) (Mrs T Brown) J Gifford 6-11-12 P Hide ⊕
503 122/324- CAPENWRAY 305 (G) (B Peppiatt) J King 6-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 95
504 05R131- STAR MARKET 196 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Joynes) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 S Joynes (7) 92

BETTING: 6-4 Star Market, 11-4 Redeemyourself, 3-1 Teen Jay, 7-2 Capenwray

1994: OVERLORD 5-10-5 M Richards (2-1) W Muir 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEEN JAY neck 2nd of 9 to Stoney Valley in handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m ½l, good) on penultimate start. REDEEMYOURSELF 11l 7th of 30 to Chance Coffey in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. CAPENWRAY 3¾l 4th of 17 to Burnt Imp in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5½f, soft). STAR MARKET beat Wiltoski 2½l in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5½l, firm)
Selection: STAR MARKET

3.30 STAINES NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 2m) (9 runners)

601 220U1-1 DESTINY CALLS 19 (F,G) (S Harrap) N Gaselee 5-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 92
602 00-1 REX TO THE RESCUE 14 (CD,F,G) (P Gough) R Alner 7-11-6 S McNeill ⊕
603 113321 WAVE HILL 18 (D,F) (J Whelan) P Hedger 6-11-6 M Richards 98
604 F45344- GROUND NUT 207 (S) (Mrs R Haskins) R Buckler 5-11-0 B Powell –
605 111254- INCHCAILLOCH 11F (G,S) (F Carter) J King 6-11-0 G Upton –
606 14/0/25- POORS WOOD 312 (G,S) (A Weller) J Gifford 8-11-0 P Hide –
607 212210- CERTAINLY STRONG 235 (S) (R Skelton) D Nicholson 5-10-9 A Maguire –
608 4/11230- SECOND CALL 245 (F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 6-10-9 R Dunwoody 94
609 P4PPP-P TOLL BRIDGE 6 (J Payne) J Payne 8-10-9 Mr J Culloty (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 Second Call, 9-2 Destiny Calls, Certainly Strong, 5-1 Rex To The Rescue, 6-1 Wave Hill, 7-1 Poors Wood, 8-1 Inchcailloch, 12-1 others

1994: SOUND REVEILLE 6-11-6 G Bradley (8-11 fav) C Brooks 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESTINY CALLS beat Nadjad 15l in 9-runner novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good). REX TO THE RESCUE beat Persian Tactics 8l in 7-runner novice chase over course and distance (good to firm). WAVE HILL beat Dear Do ½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, good to firm). INCHCAILLOCH about 5¾l 4th of 23 to Homes Counties in the grade II Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). POORS WOOD neck 2nd of 11 to Auburn Castle in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start, November 1994. CERTAINLY STRONG beat Allegan 1¼l in 18-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start, February 1995. SECOND CALL 11¾l 3rd of 7 to Star Player in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: DESTINY CALLS

4.00 HALLIFORD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,926: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1 ANDANITO 28 (G) (Bonusprint) Lady Herries 4-11-10 Mr P Pritchard-Gordon –
2 00- ARITHMETIC 254 (R & E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 R Farrant –
3 0-0 CLIFTON 21 (Mrs G Fletcher) R Curtis 6-11-3 D Morris –
4 COUNTRY BOY (Tarragon Racing) J Bridger 4-11-3 Rachel Bridger (7) –
5 00 EMPERORS WOOD 11 (Moonraker Racing) P Hayward 4-11-3 S McNeill –
6 2 GONE FOR LUNCH 33 (Gradely Partners) Miss H Knight 4-11-3 M A Fitzgerald –
7 40- LETS BE FRANK 217 (Mrs M Stobart) C Elsey 4-11-3 A Maguire –
8 MONSIEUR BROOKS (Mrs D Brooks) R Stronge 5-11-3 R Dunwoody –
9 MYSTIC ISLE (Mrs P Furse) N Gaselee 5-11-3 F Cooper (7) –
10 445- ON THE FLY 179 (Mrs C Davis) M Tompkins 4-11-3 P Maher (7) –
11 PRU'S PROFILES (Exterior Profiles) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-3 S Joynes (7) –
12 5 ROYAL DADDA 11 (Mrs I McKie) Mrs I McKie 5-11-3 L Harvey –
13 4 SILENT GUNS 26 (Lord Clinton) C Egerton 6-11-3 J Osborne –
14 THE GREY FRIAR (M Howard) Miss H Knight 6-11-3 Mr J Culloty (7) –
15 5-4 UNCLE BERT 11 (A Tuckerman) Mrs M McCourt 5-11-3 G McCourt –
16 WRISTBURN (Stamford Bridge Pinrs) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-3 Mr A Balding (7) –
17 0- ANOTHER DEBT 298 (Mrs P Jabert) B Meehan 4-10-12 B Powell –
18 MILLIES PRINCESS (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-10-12 S Ryan (7) –

BETTING: 5-2 Andanito, 4-1 Pru's Profiles, 6-1 Silent Guns, 7-1 Gone For Lunch, 10-1 Uncle Bert, 12-1 Royal Dadda, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ANDANITO beat Single Sourcing 10l in 24-runner National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with SILENT GUNS (8lb better off) 4l 4th. ARITHMETIC 37l 7th of 17 to Sugar Mill in National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). GONE FOR LUNCH short-head 2nd of 11 to Magslad in National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow (2m, firm). LETS BE FRANK 9l 4th of 22 to Ashwell Boy in National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start, March 1995. ON THE FLY about 3¾l 5th of 14 to Your Risk in National Hunt Flat race at Southwell (2m, good to firm). UNCLE BERT about 5¾l 4th of 11 to Neat Feat in National Hunt Flat race at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to firm) with ROYAL DADDA 2¾l 5th.
Selection: ANDANITO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	3	7	42.9	P Hide	6	27	22.2
R Waley-Cohen	3	7	42.9	R Dunwoody	22	101	21.8
R Alner	5	15	33.3	M A Fitzgerald	12	56	21.4
N Henderson	17	64	26.6	J Osborne	24	123	19.5
T Forster	3	12	25.0	Peter Hobbs	10	53	18.9
O Sherwood	9	43	20.9	G McCourt	10	58	16.9

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newton Abbot

Going: soft

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Colette's Choice (D J Burchell, 9-2); 2, Whitebonnet (11-8 fav); 3, Commanche Creek (20-1). 10 ran. 7l, 25l. D Burchell. Tote: £4.70; £2.40, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £4.00. Trio: £135.40. CSF: £11.26. No bid

1.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Bramblehill Buck (A P McCoy, 5-2); 2, Smiling Chief (11-1); 3, Royal Segos (10-1). Certain Angle 6-4 fav (ur). 7 ran. 5l, 3l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £3.60. DF: £19.00. CSF: £26.58

2.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Jadidh (D Salter, 10-1); 2, Hold Your Ranks (11-1); 3, Clifton Set (9-1). Lansdowne 100-30 fav. 15 ran. Hd, nk. C Widman. Tote: £13.10; £2.60, £3.60, £2.90. DF: £39.60. Trio: £297.30. CSF: £114.33. Tricast: £958.82.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Northern Saddler (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Dear Do (3-1 jt-fav); 3, High Altitude (6-1). Waterford Castle 3-1 jt-fav (f). 8 ran. 15l, 7l. R Hodges. Tote: £7.50; £1.90, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £8.90. CSF: £23.99. Tricast: £104.55

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mouse Bird (R Dunwoody, 4-7 fav); 2, Caspian Beluga (4-1); 3, Allow (33-1). 9 ran. 11l, 25l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £4.30. DF: £2.60. Trio: £34.70. CSF: £3.74.

3.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Nazzaro (R Dunwoody, 16-1); 2, Bond Jnr (7-4); 3, Keano (5-4 fav). 7 ran. Hd, dist. W G M Turner. Tote: £20.50; £3.80, £1.60. DF: £31.90. CSF: £42.50

4.00 (2m 1f flat race) 1, Granham Pride (R Dunwoody, 3-1 fav); 2, Scorby (5-1); 3, Mahler (4-1). 15 ran. Hd, 30l. K Bailey. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £3.00, £2.40. DF: £8.50. Trio: £31.10. CSF: £20.19

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,990.13 carried forward to Kempton Park today).

Placepot: £62.40. Quadpot: £87.60.

Wetherby

Going: good

1.10 (3m hdle) 1, Circusa (T Eley, 14-1); 2, Mill Thyme (20-1); 3, Dawn Mission (4-1). Reine De La Chasse 5-4 fav. 20 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. J Mackie. Tote: £38.00; £5.40, £7.00, £2.00. DF: £464.50. Trio: £204.20 (part won, pool of £158.24 carried forward to 3.10 at Hereford today). CSF: £271.13

1.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Celtic Silver (R Guest, 5-1); 2, River Red (25-1); 3, Aly Daley (5-1). Sea Breaker 11-8 fav. 6 ran. 15l, 3l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £4.80; £2.60, £4.10. DF: £42.30. CSF: £67.87

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Moonshine Dancer (G Cahill, Evens fav); 2, Chadwick's Ginger (6-1); 3, Yacht Club (5-2). 6 ran. Nk, nk. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.37.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, Belstone Fox (A Maguire, 2-1); 2, Snitton Lane (Evens fav); 3, Pats Minstrel (7-2). 3 ran. 11l, 6l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.94

3.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Malawi (A S Smith, 6-5 fav); 2, La Fontainbleau (15-2); 3, Monymoss (13-2). 4 ran. 20l, 3½l. W Bethell. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.87

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Turnpole (P Niven, 11-8 fav); 2, Buttercup Joe (7-1); 3, Solomon's Dancer (6-1). 13 ran. 7l, 1l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £3.40, £2.40. DF: £12.00. Trio: £46.40. CSF: £13.50

Placepot: £464.80. Quadpot: £21.20.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.20 (1m 2f) 1, Spitfire Bridge (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2, Bellateena (15-8 fav); 3, Total Rach (9-2). 14 ran. 6l, nk. M McCormack. Tote: £5.70; £1.30, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £6.00. Trio: £9.20. CSF: £18.44.

12.50 (1m) 1, Catch The Lights (R Perham, 5-2); 2, Tissue Of Lies (13-2); 3, Milton (5-4 fav). 9 ran. 2l, 1¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £2.80, £1.00. DF: £16.70. Trio: £7.20. CSF: £19.30

1.20 (1m) 1, Charlie Chang (R Perham, 8-1); 2, Tart (10-3); 3, Tintara (Evens fav). 8 ran. 4l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £13.10; £2.70, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £25.00. CSF: £33.79

1.50 (7f) 1, Sombreffe (L Dettori, 2-5 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Takeshi (10-1); 3, Don't Get Caught (9-1). 11 ran. 2½l, sh hd. D Loder. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £4.60. Trio: £8.20. CSF: £6.59.

2.20 (6f) 1, Itsinthepost (D McKeown, 6-1); 2, Arctic Romancer (5-1); 3, Amber Fort (11-2). Foreman 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. M Johnston. Tote: £6.60; £2.10, £2.40, £3.20. DF: £30.70. Trio: £212.60. CSF: £40.80. Tricast: £172.36.

2.50 (2m) 1, Jaraab (S Whitworth, 6-4 fav); 2, Sea Victor (2-1); 3, Lear Dancer (12-1). 6 ran. 6l, 1¾l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.20; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.85.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Double Rush (K Fallon, 2-1 fav); 2, Manful (11-1); 3, Never So Rite (8-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 4l. T Mills. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £4.60, £2.30. DF: £24.10. Trio: £134.30. CSF: £29.66

3.50 (1m) 1, Duke Valentino (T Ives, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Hawaii Storm (33-1); 3, Mr Frosty (3-1 jt-fav). 12 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £4.50; £2.30, £5.90, £1.80. DF: £119.70. Trio: £110.60. CSF: £90.74. Tricast: £319.66

Placepot: £6.40. Quadpot: £7.40.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.20 Queens Consul. 1.50 Thornton Gate. 2.20 Couldnt Be Better. 2.50 Runaway Pete. 3.20 Time Won't Wait. 3.50 Yes Man.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.20 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,668: 2m) (6 runners)

1 51 DURHAM DRAPES 18 (D,F) M H Easterby 4-11-5 L Wyer 89
2 LAMBRINI D McCain 5-10-12 D McCain –
3 46P- MERRY NOELLE 235 E Owen Jr 5-10-12 T Eley –
4 060- MISS LAMPLIGHT 239 F Murtagh 5-10-12 A Dobbin –
5 6-2 MUSICAL VOCATION 14 B Preece 4-10-12 G Hogan (3) –
6 222- QUEENS CONSUL 111F B Rothwell 5-10-12 R Supple ⊕

5-4 Durham Drapes, 6-4 Queens Consul, 8-1 Musical Vocation, 12-1 Merry Noelle, 20-1 Miss Lamplight, 25-1 Lambrini

1.50 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,584: 2m) (3)

1 /0 DIAMOND CUT 14 (D,F,G) M Pipe 7-12-0 D Bridgwater –
2 3F-0 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 151 (D,G,S) G Holmes 7-11-7 R Garritty ⊕
3 03-0 THORNTON GATE 35 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-5 L Wyer 97

11-10 Thornton Gate, 13-8 Diamond Cut, 4-1 Gymcrak Sovereign

2.20 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL CHASE (Limited handicap, £10,358: 3m) (6)

1 410- COMMERCIAL ARTIST 244 (D,G,S) N Gaselee 9-12-0 M Dwyer 92
2 6F0- CHATAM 207 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-11 D Bridgwater ⊕
3 10P- COULDNT BE BETTER 222 (D,G,S) C Brooks 8-11-6 G Bradley 94
4 2034 BISHOPS HALL 6 (D,F,G,S) H de Bromhead (Ire) 9-11-5 P Carberry 90
5 0U0- SUPERIOR FINISH 200 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-2 W Marston 94
6 4238 GRANGE BRAKE 11 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-0 D Walsh (5) 91

3-1 Grange Brake, 7-2 Couldnt Be Better, 4-1 Bishops Hall, 9-2 Superior Finish, 5-1 Chatam, 6-1 Commercial Artist

● Chatam runs only if overnight rain, states trainer

2.50 HINDLEY GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,736: 2m 4f) (4)

1 F50- NIRVANA PRINCE 186 (F,S) B Preece 6-11-10 G Hogan (3) ⊕
2 1111 RUNAWAY PETE 12 (D,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-8 D Bridgwater 96
3 31F- LIVIO 35F (G,S) L Lungo 4-11-6 T Reed 91
4 313- KADARI 259 (V,B) W Clay 6-10-0 Diane Clay 91

10-11 Runaway Pete, 15-8 Livio, 6-1 Nirvana Prince, 14-1 Kadari

3.20 WARGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,743: 3m) (5)

1 5-2R KINGS ENGLISH 43 (D,BF,G,S) P Nicholls 9-12-0 D Bridgwater ⊕
2 /1-1 FRONT STREET 20 (D,G,S) S Sherwood 8-11-9 G Bradley 95
3 641F TIME WON'T WAIT 20 (D,BF,F,G) R Phillips 6-11-9 J Railton 56
4 3212 FULL O'PRAISE 25 (D,F,G) P Calver 8-11-2 L Wyer 90
5 126- PETMER 361 (D,G,S) K Burke 8-10-0 P Carberry 89

11-10 Front Street, 5-2 Time Won't Wait, 4-1 Kings English, 8-1 Full O'Praise, 20-1 Petmer

3.50 EARLESTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,654: 2m 7f 110yd) (4)

1 0-41 SMITH TOO 21 (D,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10 W Marston 91
2 P-11 YES MAN 7 (F) Miss H Knight 6-10-10 (6ex) J F Titley 90
3 2-54 EXEMPLAR 9 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-6 R Guest ⊕
4 05-4 ALTERNATION 12 (G) P Webber 6-10-0 Mr P Scott (7) 87

5-4 Yes Man, 7-4 Smith Too, 5-1 Exemplar, 8-1 Alternation

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Gaselee, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; C Brooks, 7 from 26, 26.9%; N Twiston-Davies, 11 from 42, 26.2%; M Pipe, 24 from 104, 23.1%; M Easterby, 6 from 38, 15.8%; D McCain, 6 from 59, 10.2%

JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 6 winners from 22 rides, 27.3%; G Bradley, 9 from 36, 25.0%; A Dobbin, 8 from 35, 22.9%; W Marston, 3 from 15, 20.0%; L Wyer, 5 from 41, 12.2%. Only qualifiers

Blinkered first time

HEREFORD: 1.10 Quick Million. 3.10 Right Angle. KEMPTON PARK: 2.00 Bibendum. 2.30 Myland

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

1.10 Green's Seago. 1.40 Man Mood. 2.10 Vario. 2.40 Fuzzy Logic. 3.10 Tony's Mist. 3.40 Minty's Folly. 4.10 Supreme Lady.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 BRIDSTOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 0335 CORRIN HILL 14 (D,F,S) R Hodges 8-11-10 T Dascombe (5)
2 450- PROJECT'S MATE 224 (CD,S) R Brown 8-11-5 P McLoughlin
3 63-6 EDWARD SEYMOUR 67 (S) W Jenks 8-11-4 Mr R Burton (7)
4 3F2F REIGNING ROYAL 12 D Burchell 4-10-13 D J Burchell
5 -025 GEORGE LANE 15 F Jordan 7-10-12 J Lodder
6 5542 GREEN'S SEAGO 8 (BF,F,G) J A Harris 7-10-12 A P McCoy
7 -606 MISTER BLAKE 16 Mrs A Hamilton-Fairley 5-10-10 D Leahy
8 360/ DISTANT HOME 392F A Jones 7-10-6 S Curran (3)
9 PP-4 BRESIL 12 K Burke 6-10-5 A Lamach (3)
10 1045 STATION EXPRESS 6 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 7-10-4 Mr J L Llewellyn
11 635P QUICK MILLION 14 (V) J Mullins 4-10-0 S Fighton (7)
12 /00- KISMETIM 18F Miss M Rowland 5-10-0 Gary Lyons
13 066- ITS GRAND 361 J Bradley 6-10-0 R Johnson (5)

7-2 Green's Seago, 9-2 Reigning Royal, 6-1 Corrin Hill, Kismetim, 7-1 Project's Mate, 8-1 Edward Seymour, 10-1 Bresil, 12-1 others

1.40 SIDNEY PHILLIPS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,801: 2m 3f) (8)

1 /1-2 JIM VALENTINE 39 (F,S) C Broad 9-11-10 A Wintle (7)
2 MAN MOOD 28 (S) C Brooks 4-11-9 E James (7)
3 0253 MAGGOTS GREEN 6 (CD,F,S) J Bradley 8-10-13 M Rimell (5)
4 2-44 DUNKERY BEACON 12 H Howe 9-10-3 R Thornton (7)
5 4PP6 FOREST RAIN 21 (F,G) J Evans 12-10-0 Miss E James (7)
6 PU-P GABISH 6 (F,G) B Scriven 10-10-0 R Burton (7)
7 4255 ACHILTIBUIE 12 (F) F Yardley 11-10-0 M Fitzgerald (5)
8 5446 MASCALLS LADY 6 N Thomson 10-10-0 S Davis (7)

4-6 Man Mood, 3-1 Jim Valentine, 5-1 Maggots Green, 8-1 Forest Rain, 10-1 Dunkery Beacon, 16-1 Achiltibuie, 33-1 others

2.10 JOAN EMMANS 80TH BIRTHDAY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 1f) (14)

1 0F11 VARIO 14 (B,F,S) M Pipe 11-12 J Lower
2 1 ROYALE ANGELA 39 (D,S) Mrs L Murphy 11-5 R Johnson (5)
3 BOURDONNER 89F W Jenks 10-12 T Jenks
4 CUBAN NIGHTS 30F B Llewellyn 10-12 Mr J L Llewellyn
5 02 MAGICAL BID 25 (B) J Bradley 10-12 Guy Lewis (3)
6 0 POINTER 11 Mrs P Dutfield 10-12 Michael Hunt (7)
7 SANTELLA BOY 30F C Mann 10-12 A P McCoy
8 3 AL CORNICHE 26 K Cunningham-Brown 10-7 B Fenton (5)
9 BARBRALLEN 7F D French Davis 10-7 J Magee (3)
10 36 BROCKTON LIGHT 43 R Buckler 10-7 G Supple (7)
11 CELESTIAL WATERS 36F A James 10-7 V Slattery (5)
12 P5 HUSH CROSS 15 S Knight 10-7 S Burrough
13 F MIXED MOOD 18 B Llewellyn 10-7 P McLoughlin
14 ROSMOJIQUE STAR 537F Mrs P Pile 10-7 W Humphreys

5-4 Vario, 7-2 Royale Angela, 7-1 Al Corniche, 12-1 Magical Bid, 16-1 Cuban Nights, Bourdonner, Santella Boy, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 29 winners from 95 runners, 30.5%; N Twiston-Davies, 20 from 66, 30.3%; R Buckler, 7 from 24, 29.2%; C Brooks, 3 from 11, 27.3%; D Nicholson, 9 from 35, 25.7%; S Christian, 4 from 16, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 10 winners from 37 rides, 27.0%; D J Burchell, 8 from 43, 18.6%; P McLoughlin, 5 from 34, 14.7%; D Leahy, 5 from 36, 13.9%; B Clifford, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Greene, 4 from 35, 11.4%

2.40 GOLDEN VALLEY INNS NOVICES CHASE (£2,916: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 14P- HIGHWAY FIVE 166 (CD,G) Lady Susan Brooke 7-11-7 R Johnson (5)
2 -P52 FETTUCCINE 21 (B,F,G,S) R Juckes 11-11-0 A Thornton
3 106- FUZZY LOGIC 306 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 T Jenks
4 IRONS IN THE FIRE W Jenks 6-11-0 R Bellamy
5 022- RED PARADE 245 (S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-0 R Greene
6 P/0 SPA KELLY 46 J Pickering 7-11-0 M Sharratt
7 43- STONEY BURKE 355 P Nicholls 6-11-0 A P McCoy

6-4 Fuzzy Logic, 11-4 Stoney Burke, 9-2 Fettuccine, 6-1 Highway Five, 8-1 Red Parade, 25-1 Irons In The Fire, 33-1 Spa Kelly

3.10 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 3f 110yd) (13)

1 F53- THREE PHILOSOPHERS 235 T Forster 6-12-0 A P McCoy
2 404 LITTLE COURT 8 E Bevan 4-12-0 B Fenton (5)
3 5-24 STAC-POLLAIDH 41 K Bailey 5-11-13 A Thornton
4 622- HOODWINKER 240 W Jenks 6-11-12 T Jenks
5 -44D TONY'S MIST 6 J Bradley 5-11-8 Guy Lewis (3)
6 64-2 FLASHMAN 20 B Llewellyn 5-11-4 Mr J L Llewellyn
7 P0-0 MOST BEAUTIFUL 7 K Bridgwater 4-10-13 D Meredith
8 -405 ROOTSMAN 14 B Llewellyn 5-10-12 P McLoughlin
9 50/P DUNNICKS VIEW 11 F Tucker 6-10-12 Sophie Mitchell (5)
10 655U CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 6 (BF) O O'Neill 7-10-10 V Slattery
11 0P0/ NEEDWOOD NATIVE 747 A J Wilson 7-10-7 B Clifford
12 0P-0 RIGHT ANGLE 13 (V) Miss M Rowland 4-10-7 Gary Lyons
13 PP/P CELTIC WIND 11 T Morton 8-10-0 R Johnson (5)

11-4 Tony's Mist, 7-2 Flashman, 4-1 Hoodwinker, 6-1 Stac-Pollaidh, Three Philosophers, 16-1 Little Court, 20-1 others

3.40 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,704: 2m) (6)

1 245- MINTY'S FOLLY 235 D Nicholson 5-11-10 R Johnson (5)
2 231- POPPEA 218 (F) T Forster 6-11-9 S Wynne
3 /2-2 SPINNING STEEL 12 (F) P Rodford 8-11-6 S Burrough
4 P5P- FLAPJACK LAD 228 (S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-6 T Jenks
5 5321 HERBERT BUCHANAN 6 (F) P Nicholls 5-11-0 (7ex) A P McCoy
6 5-0U DONT RISE ME 6 M Churches 6-10-0 Mr L Jefford

9-4 Herbert Buchanan, 11-4 Poppea, 7-2 Minty's Folly, 9-2 Flapjack Lad, 5-1 Spinning Steel, 50-1 Dont Rise Me.

4.10 BONUSPRINT MARES ONLY STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,660: 2m 1f) (17)

1 12- COOLE HILL 179 (G) D Nicholson 4-11-7 R Massey (5)
2 BONITA BLAKENEY 6 Balding 5-11-0 R Arnold (7)
3 CAROLE'S CRUSADER Mrs J Renfree-Barons 4-11-0 B Fenton (5)
4 COME ON PENNY D Gandolfo 4-11-0 D Leahy
5 36- HALONA 228 S Christian 5-11-0 Mr M Rimell
6 6 INDIAN CROWN 11 N Thomson 5-11-0 T Dascombe (5)
7 KENTFORD TINA J Mullins 4-11-0 S Curran (3)
8 LADY PENDRAGON N Smith 6-11-0 Mr M Rodde
9 4 MADAM'S WALK 15 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 M Keighley (7)
10 MAYLIN MAGIC M McCormack 4-11-0 P McLoughlin
11 0- MILLY LE MOSS 333 R Eddey 6-11-0 R Johnson (5)
12 OATIS ROSE M Sheppard 5-11-0 G Tormey (3)
13 0- PARTY BEDLAM 252 C James 6-11-0 Mr E James
14 PRIDE OF WINESFREE 8 Smart 4-11-0 M Molloy (7)
15 0 QUINAG 15 K Bailey 4-11-0 J Magee (3)
16 UUP- SEYMOUR DREAMS 234P A James 6-11-0 A Lamach (3)
17 2-2 SUPREME LADY 39 Miss H Knight 4-11-0 G F Ryan (5)

5-2 Supreme Lady, 3-1 Coole Hill, 7-1 Madam's Walk, 8-1 Bonita Blakeney, 10-1 Quinag, 12-1 Come On Penny, 14-1 Indian Crown, 16-1 others

☐ Richard Dunwoody rode a 747-1 four-timer at Newton Abbot yesterday, winning on Northern Saddler, Mouse Bird, Nazzaro and Granham Pride.

European bid

PURE GRAIN, the Irish Oaks winner, will be joined by Carling, Hernando, Sunshack and Lando in a five-pronged European attempt on the Japan Cup at Tokyo on Sunday week. The Michael Stoute-trained filly, fifth to Lammtarra in the Arc, will be ridden by John Reid.

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England unlikely to make room for Malcolm

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG

DEVON MALCOLM, to all South Africans the most popular and symbolic of English cricketers, is unlikely to make the team for the first Test, that starts tomorrow, after the tour management's initial judgment that the Centurion Park pitch will assist spin.

Although Raymond Illingworth, the team manager, will not announce the final England XI until tomorrow morning, there were strong indications yesterday that his namesake, Richard, the left-arm spinner, will feature in a four-man attack completed by Dominic Cork, Darren Gough and Angus Fraser.

Many people here will be astonished if Malcolm is omitted, such was the impact of his nine for 57 at the Oval when last the teams met, in August 1994, but unless psychology overcomes pragmatism — an improbability with Illingworth in charge — the fastest and most erratic of England's bowlers will not be risked. His bowling thus far on tour has largely been innocuous and, unless his mood and rhythm were rapidly transformed, he would be a potential liability in a limited, three-man seam attack.

Technically, Illingworth is the sole selector on this tour and, although he will consider any strong views expressed by Michael Atherton, the captain, there is little possibility of a split on this issue. Fraser, back to health yesterday after suffering after-effects from some dehydrating days in Kimberley, is essential as the stabiliser around whom the swing and youthful aggression of Cork and Gough will operate.

Any prospect of England fielding four seam bowlers can be ruled out. The pitch is patchy, clumps of grass in the middle offset by bare areas at the ends, and, as it is baked by the fierce sun, it should become more

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accommodating to spin. "I certainly think it will turn as the match goes on," the England manager said. "It is not much different from the rest of the square and the spinners have been taking plenty of wickets here."

Atherton's first impression was that he "would want to bat first", a view shared by Illingworth despite his caveat: "The game could be decided in the first few hours. If we bat first against their pace bowlers, we must bat far better than we did in Kimberley at the weekend." Concern over the top-order batting will dispel the notion of playing five specialist bowlers with Jack Russell, the wicketkeeper, batting at No 6.

South Africa's four fast bowlers, all of whom underwent treatment for minor strains at the weekend, have now been passed fit, but one of them could yet miss out if the pitch persuades them towards a spin option. Yesterday morning, the home team exercised only their vocal chords as they recorded an anthem, part of a publicity campaign for the series. Words and music bear a strange resemblance to the old 10cc song, Dreadlock Holiday.

Whether or not the players' singing attracts patrons, the South African authorities have made a curious decision in staging the first game of this reunion series at Centurion Park. It is an anonymous area, just off the motorway between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and it will be the first Test played on the ground. It is attractive, and has one of the most pristine fielding surfaces I have seen, but the crowds here may be poor compared with subsequent matches.

England are commuting daily from their luxury hotel in Sandton, one of the better areas of Johannesburg, where opulent residences are guarded from the city's lawlessness by high walls, barbed wire and alarm systems, and where, only last week, a sighting of Lord Lucan was reported. Unless there is a late change of heart, Devon Malcolm may be about to make a similar disappearance from public life.

Wanderers light up progressive path

David Miller watches a cricketing revolution in full swing at a former bastion of exclusivity

Only a few years ago, membership of the Wanderers Cricket Club in Johannesburg was impenetrably exclusive, even for some whites, never mind those on the wrong side of the colour tracks. Nowhere today better illustrates the South African sporting evolution that is lowering the old divisive walls of social apartheid.

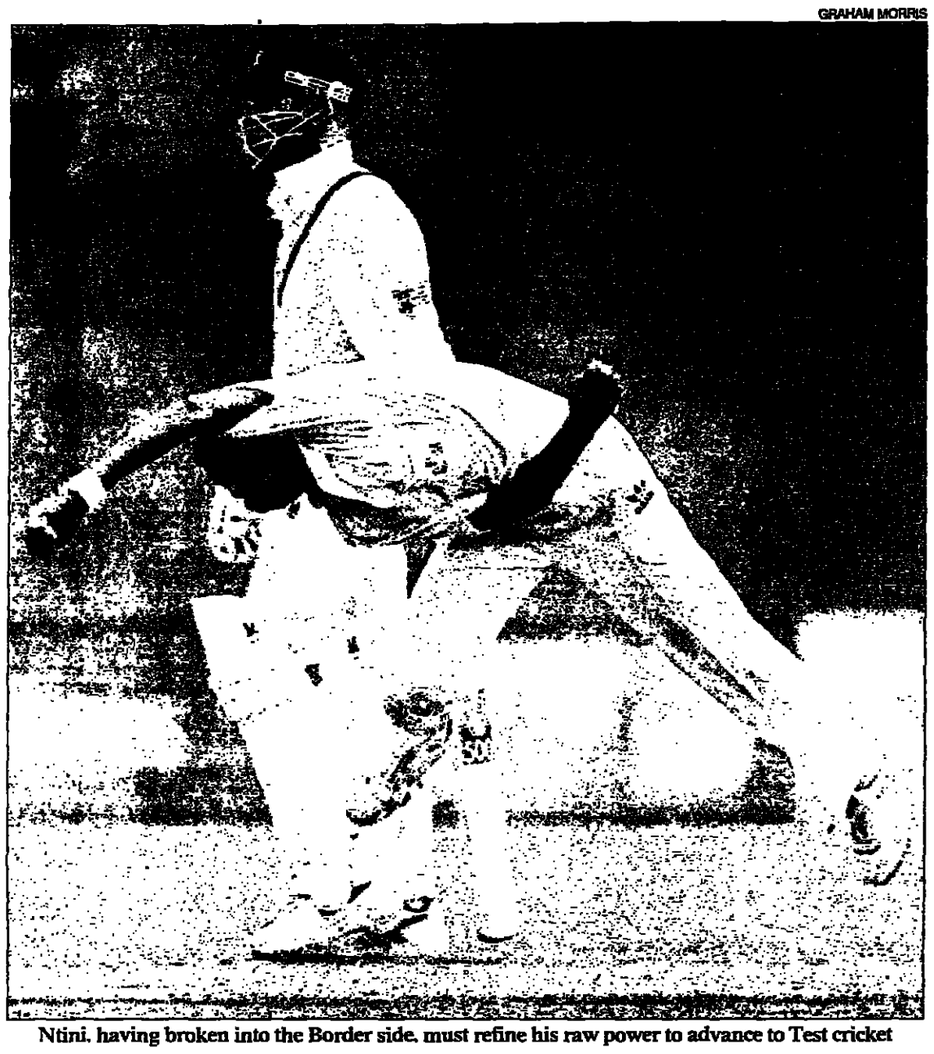
I spent the past weekend watching some of the action at five of the eight matches in which Wanderers teams were involved at different levels. This is the club, founded in 1898, that as much represents the traditional soul of the South African game as does MCC in England. It will therefore astonish, and delight, the sceptics to know that two of those eight teams are captained by black players, Godfrey Maredi and Harry Maluleke; and that, of the 88 players on duty over the weekend, no less than 23 were non-whites from the United Cricket Board's (UCB) thriving development programme.

On the eve of the first home Test against England for 31 years, that starts at Centurion Park, Verwoerdburg, tomorrow, the non-whites are genuinely lapping at the fringes of South Africa's Test team, and not just 18-year-old Paul Adams, with his nine for 181 in the defeat of England by South Africa A at Kimberley.

Across the road from the tranquil Wanderers club in its comfy suburban surroundings, with its four tranquil oval grounds — costing a small fortune in annual maintenance — the 19-year-old Makhaya Ntini was busy for Border in their Castle Cup match against Transvaal, confirming his potential to become the first black pace bowler for his country. He had to labour hard for his two for 111 as Transvaal knocked up 431 and subsequently forced Border to follow on.

Those giving substance to the revolution, begun under the inspired leadership of Ali Bacher, the executive director of the UCB, are relatively unsung lieutenants such as Ray Wentzel, the Wanderers chairman. The change is not happening just on the field, but within the social fabric of the game.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Ntini, having broken into the Border side, must refine his raw power to advance to Test cricket

Under Wentzel's guidance, Wanderers have adopted players from the Alexandra township club, and included some of them, such as Maredi, on selection and finance committees, in order to learn the running of club affairs. Wanderers expanded their fixture list to accommodate the extra players.

Coaching is in the hands of Peter Stringer, formerly with Yorkshire and Leicestershire. He helps develop the young players to the point where many of them then leave to return to their own regional clubs — a cycle of valuable social expansion. Some have undergone sports psychology under Dr Andre Roux, in order to assist their self-esteem. It is not uncommon for young black players to cry off from a match, worried that they may fall short of expectation alongside more confident, adjusted whites. Not so Mpho Sekoto. While I was watching Maredi's fifth team batting against Southern Suburbs, Sekoto arrived as a late deputy — a 13-year-old from Alexandra who had made 111 not out the previous day, and now could not wait to scramble into his pads and get out there to face an attack of grown men.

Wentzel leads from the front. From the Wanderers' ancient oval, having collected trays of salad lunches in his minibus, we set off for the squalor of Alexandra; across the most notorious set of traffic lights in Johannesburg, where hijacks at gunpoint are a constant threat, past the squatter camps to the splendid isolation of the Alexandra Oval, donated by the British Government, where the eighth team, captained by Maluleke, was playing against the Indians of Palm Ridge. Some white parents are understandably anxious about their children playing in such fixtures. "You take a few risks," Wentzel said, slipping the clutch to stay in gear at red lights, ready for anything.

Krish Mackerdhuj, the UCB chairman, was formerly chairman of the (Coloured) South African Cricket Board during the divided era.

"Some are surprised by the extent of what has happened," he said. "We were told the objectives were impossible, but we said we'd prove it. In the old days, I had no chance, for instance, of being a member of the Wanderers, but don't call it a miracle. I've always had faith in people. Now we're together, it's taking off ... We're building proper social foundations, not just bringing people in on the third floor."

The Castle Cup match at the weekend was Ntini's second for the Border first team. Stephen Jones, their coach, is anxious that he should not be rushed: that his raw power should have time to be refined. Ntini, who comes from the same township village near East London as Steve Tshwete, the Minister of Sport, is unabashed by his progress from a 15-year-old playing spontaneously with a tennis ball in the streets.

"I know everyone's looking at me, expecting things, but I need a better rhythm in my run up," he said, knowing that he needs to straighten his action to develop more swing, but already mature enough to recognise that time is on his side.

RADIO CHOICE

Looking into the volcano

Points of Departure. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Robert Fisk, formerly of *The Times*, does not like the label "war reporter", though that is what he has been. Nor does he like being called "war correspondent", though that is how he is best known by most of his admirers. I told him once that I always thought of him as a chronicler of conflict; that, too, did not please him. Then, how does he see himself? As a vulcanologist, forever peering over the volcano's edge to see the smoke. His present posting is in the Middle East, over the years the dispatch point for some of his most vivid reporting. In *Points of Departure*, Fisk plays back and comments on tape recordings of the moments when, he says, he touched history and the dark heart of man.

The Colour Norman. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

This comedy is a joint effort by Jerome Vincent and Stephen Dinsdale. I believe the latter's comedy *Anorak of Fire* was rated highly by Radio 4 listeners. *The Colour Norman* is a distant cousin of an old Ealing comedy in which Alec Guinness was sucked into a commercial nightmare when he invented an imperishable white cloth. In the Dinsdale-Vincent comedy, young Norman from Oop North (Richard Pearce) discovers a new primary colour, which makes him the target for everybody including (most improbably) MI5. The play is too frenetic for me, with too many characters, but the final line is an ironical treat.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat; and at **6.15** The Net **7.00** Evening Session. Scarlo in session **9.00** Lea and Herring **10.00** Mark Radcliffe Midnight Wendy Lloyd, including at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd, with Folk on 2 **8.00** Fisher's Folk Steps **8.30** Lucie Skeaping's Jewish Music **9.00** Macgregor's Horizons (1/7) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Eurocews; and at **11.00** News: Natural History **11.15** The State Opening of Parliament **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moc Dae **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *The Endless Knot* **7.30** Discovery **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Drama: *Anorak of Fire* **8.45** The Secret Life of a Song **9.00** News in German **9.15** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf. *The Endless Knot* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain **12.30** Composer of the Month **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News in German **3.15** The Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Sports **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack: X-Press **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Purcell's London **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10am** Pop Short **11.15** Sport **11.45** From Our Own Correspondent **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Secret Life of a Song **12.45** Britain **1.00** News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Portrait of the Artist **1.45** Country **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

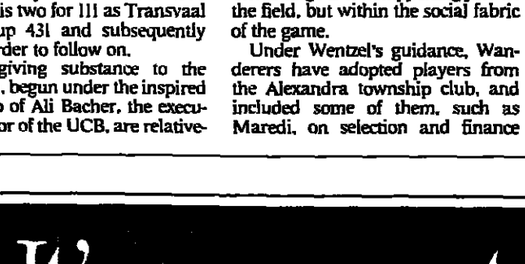
6.00am On Air. Farylax (Missa tecum principium); Mozart (Horn Concerto in E flat); Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes); Lutoslawski, arr Harvey (Variations on a Theme of Paganini); Verdi (Offertorio)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Dvorák (Symphony No 2 in B flat)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Purcell, arr Britten (If music be the food of love); Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio); Poulenc (Soirées de Nazelles), Reger (Serenade in D, Op 77a); Liszt (Orpheus); **11.11** *Artist of the Week*: Leonin (Viderunt omnes); **11.21** Haydn (Symphony No 16 in B flat); Schubert (Fantasy in C, Wanderer)
12.00 Jazz Week: Composers of the Week: Ellington, Evans and Wheeler. Ian Carr looks at music composed by Gil Evans for the trumpeter Miles Davis
1.00pm Concert Hall. Gyorgy Pauk, violin; Ian Brown, piano. Schumann (Sonata in A minor, Op 105); Lutoslawski (Subito); Prokofiev (Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80)
2.00 Schools: Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice. Including Rubinstein (Nocturne Op 11 No 2); Beethoven (Choral Fantasia, Op 80)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from Rochester Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine in New England, Tommy Pearson and students from Coventry High School, Connecticut, are joined by the composer Thomas Duffy
5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen. Biber (Violin Sonata No 1)
6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, from the Wigmore Hall, London. Marisa Robles, harp. Bach (Preludes: in C and E flat minor); Mozart (Air, Variations and rondo Pastorale); Nadermann (Sonatina No 6); Robles (Suite: Narnia, excerpts); Albeniz (Rumores de la caleta, Recuerdos de viaje); Hasselmans (La Source)
7.00 In Tune. Part 2. Dallapiccola (Piccola Musica Notturno)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, live from the Festival Hall, London, under Manfred Honeck. Webern (Im Sommerwind); Mahler (Des Knaben Wunderhorn, excerpts); **8.20** The Playground Bell. Poems from the collection of Adam Johnson who died at the age of 28 in 1993; **8.40** Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)
9.40 Fairest Isle: Lilliput. by Jonathan Swift (3/5)
9.55 Zehetmair's Bach. Sonata No 3 in C, BWV 1005
10.20 Fairest Isle: Holst. Six Choruses, Op 53
10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles investigates television documentaries
11.30 Voices. Susan Bullock, soprano; Steven Naylor, piano. Songs by Poulenc, Berg, Turina, Britten and Rachmaninov
12.30am-12.40 **Fairest Isle: Catch as Catch Can:** Purcell's songs
1.00-1.40 Night School: French 14-16; Radio Relax

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rev John Bell **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** sport **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Roy Jenkins **8.40** Short Story: The Pillow Goose. Tessa Worsley reads Jane Gardam's story (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and birthday guest Charlton Heston
10.00-10.30 News; Just a Part of the Furniture (FM only). The Mantelpiece. Clare Jenkins looks at what furniture can reveal about people's lives (3/3)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only). The Execution of Charles I
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *The Missess Mallett* by E.H. Benson (1/12)
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Questions from members of the Ash and District Horticultural Society, Kent (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi
12.25pm God's Own County. A humourous look at Yorkshire (1/3) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; New Comedies on 4: The Colour Norman. See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands. Michael Rosen talks to Melvin Burgess about his novels for teenagers
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the week's new film releases
4.45 Short Story: Strong Language, by James McVeigh, read by Sam Kelly
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Points of Departure. See Choice
7.45 Crusade. Fazlun Khalid and Martin Palmer complete their journey to Jerusalem (2/2)
8.30 UK plc. Dieter Helm explores British economic life (5/6)
9.00 Costing the Earth. Mark Whittaker presents the environmental magazine
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Spring Torrents. David Horovitch reads Ian Turgenev's story, abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury (3/8)
11.00 Late Edition. Kevin Day in the chair with regular guests Francis Wheen, Mark Steel, Linda Smith and Pete Bradshaw (5/6)
11.30 Beachcomber ... by the Way. Comedy with Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims and Patricia Routledge (2/6) (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.27** Weather
12.30am The Late Book: Dr Haggard's Disease. Patrick McGrath reads an extract from his book (8/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service** (LW only)

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Irani puts case for promotion

FROM PAT GIBSON
IN LAHORE

JOHN EMBUREY sounded almost apologetic. "I have not really got stuck into the players yet, because I have had no reason to," the manager of the England A team said yesterday after watching his young charges make it five wins in five games on their tour of Pakistan by beating a Pakistan Cricket Board XI by eight wickets here.

Emburey knows that his job is likely to get a lot more difficult as from Friday, when the first of three five-day international matches against Pakistan A begins in Multan.

Richard Stemp and Ian Salisbury, the England A spinners, combined to shoot out the home side for 153, once the impressive Dean Headley had made the initial breach. Needing 100 to win, Nasser Hussain's side romped home before tea with Ronnie Irani, the Essex all-rounder, ending unbeaten on 53. Irani's innings improved his chance of being picked to fill the No 5 position against Pakistan A, especially as Jason Pooley, of Middlesex, failed for the second time in the match.

Stemp took three for 34 in ten overs during the morning, after the home side had resumed at 67 for four, and finished with four for 46, while Salisbury, the Sussex leg spinner, ended with figures of three for 31.

Yet it was Headley whom Emburey picked as the outstanding bowler of the match. "He maintained the right length throughout, got a little bit of movement with the new ball and then achieved some reverse swing later on," he said.

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Will Frasier walk those mean streets again?

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

When they told us that last night's **Due South** (BBC1) was a "special", I don't remember that the words "last" and "ever" were also mentioned. Yet for the ever-widening British fan club of Frasier (Paul Gross), the emotional roller-coaster of this feature-length episode ended with a breathtaking collision with a brick wall, when our hero was apparently shot dead. Is this the end for Frasier? He lay on a station platform hallucinating about his dead father, while phantom snow settled on his body.

For those who have not seen *Due South*, Frasier is an upright Canadian Mountie in Chicago, who shows us what Jack Dee could have looked like had he never tasted mother's ruin. Frasier is a man of conscience in a seedy world, and neatly personifies Raymond Chandler's famous Arthurian hero imperative: "Through these mean streets a man must go in a bright red jacket with a wolf." Presumably Frasier is not dead. But if he is, the magic realism of this series will easily provide for him to rise again.

Last night's story concerned a wicked woman criminal with black hair, whom Frasier had once tracked down in Alaska. They had shared a near-death experience in a blizzard, and fallen in everlasting but then Frasier sent her down for ten years. Now she was fresh from prison, and very glamorous (evidently having ticked the box that said "Health Farm" instead of "Penitentiary"), and they bumped into one another in Chicago. Working to an impenetrable agenda of revenge and passion, this woman engineered a complex trick against Frasier. She hated him, she loved him. A lot of heartache might have been saved last night if this woman had only sorted out her feelings first. Instead, however, she romanced several days away with Frasier (during naff musical interludes), but also shot his dog.

She shot Diefenbaker? The wolf copped it too? I'm afraid so, although not fatally. As I said, last night's *Due South* was up and down. It was also, of course, the classic *film noir* plot of the manipulative femme fatale, thus introducing a younger generation to that interesting notion that women are two-faced deceivers while men are trusting schmucks.

Nigel in BBC1's **EastEnders**, of course, *is* a trusting schmuck, which is why he is close to our hearts. Paul Bradley's face has appeared on many magazine covers in the past week, smiling cheek to cheek with little Clare. "Will Nigel get custody of his stepdaughter?" "Will real father Liam take Clare away?" asked the teasing headlines, and the reader was evidently expected to consider these genuine questions, despite the tell-ale triumphant grins which said, "Nigel will win".

He did. Despite a solicitor so pathetic that for a wild paranoid moment I decided he was in the pay of the other side, Nigel prevailed. The menacing Liam (Francis Magee) was denounced in court by his own girlfriend, and the nice lady judge made the right decision. In real life, Magee is doubtless a decent Christian man who has never torn the head off a live chicken with his bare teeth, but on screen it is hard to believe this. Red smoke and sulphur are his natural *metier*; on his head he should wear small horns. He turned up anonymously in *Roughnecks* last week, and my heart stopped. "He's behind you!" I yelled. "Look out!"

Meanwhile, followers of *EastEnders* will simply be relieved to retain Clare (Gemma Bissix), a miraculous child actor who does not deserve the Alabama treatment finally dished out (not a day too soon) to that dullard Vicki. Along with Sonia Jackson, Clare is the great hope of the younger generation. Meanwhile, I know it's morbid, but when on earth is Arthur Fowler leaving this series in a wooden box? We have been on tenterhooks since January. Each week his wife Pauline expresses increasing affection for him (tragic irony, you see), but though we strain and stretch to hear it, the second shoe never drops.

Back in the world of grown-up television, BBC2's **The Limit** last night was the first in a new series concerning engineering feats, and it took us inside the mad schemes of Dr Keizo Shimizu and Sir Norman Foster, modern master builders who wish to construct the Millennium Tower, a proposed conical structure a kilometre high. It will be like a city inside — with homes and shops and cinemas (and hopefully, fire escapes). Why do they want to do this? Well, simply because architects have the opposite rationale from mountaineers: "Because it *isn't* there."

Robbie Coltrane narrated, thus cleverly underlining the suspicion that these men are mad and dangerous. Otherwise, the programme held our hands through some pretty simple physics lessons about aerodynamics, and contained lots of terrifying footage of the construction of the Empire State Building — men trotting along scaffolding against a pale abyss. Personally, I wish it had made more allowances for those viewers who get vertigo whenever they encounter a grille in the pavement.

The Limit interviewed people who work in the Sears Tower. On windy days, they said, the windows are sucked in and out, doors open and close, light fittings sway. Walking down a corridor, you lurch against the wall. "The water moves in the toilets," said one man, biting his lip. Ironically, a tall building is the best place to be in an earthquake, but it's not a proposition I would ever test, especially if a grille in the pavement blocked my path to the door.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast presented by Paul Burden and Adam Shaw (52776)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News with Justin Webb and Juliet Morris (94646115)

9.10 Kilroy (s) (4279283)

10.00 News (Ceefax) (5633134) **10.05 Housemates** Tim Vine's domestic knowledge quiz (s) (4433757) **10.35 Holiday Outings: South of France** (1561979)

10.40 The State Opening of Parliament (s) (9233776)

12.00 News (Ceefax) (9638486)

12.05pm Pebble Mill A variety show (s) (4794134) **12.50 Regional News** (23401486)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (31134)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (92894573)

1.50 Hawkeye (s) (5665660) **2.35 Holiday** (r) (s) (2518047) **3.05 Incognito**. Quiz (s) (1032399) **3.30 Ants in Your Pants** (s) (5520844) **3.50 ChuckleVision** (r) (s) (5500080) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (s) (6258931)

4.35 NEW **The Queen's Nose.** A 13-part comedy drama. With Paula Wilcox, Stephen Moore, Donald Sumpter and Thora Hird (Ceefax) (s) (1887573)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8816979)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (5495080)

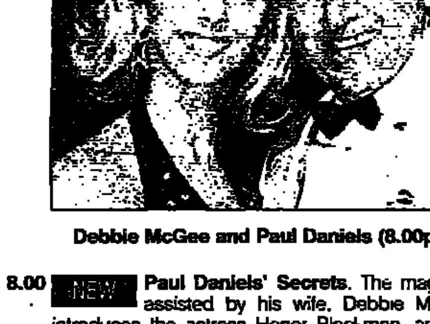
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (604912)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (979)

6.30 Regional news magazines (931)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Presented by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (9028)

7.30 Here and Now Introduced by Sue Lawley (s) (115)



Debbie McGee and Paul Daniels (8.00pm)

8.00 NEW **Paul Daniels' Secrets.** The magician, assisted by his wife, Debbie McGee, introduces the actress Honor Blackman, and the theatre critic Jack Tinker, as well as the British mime artist Les Bubb, Greg Frewin from Las Vegas with his dove act, and Svetlana from Ukraine, who performs the living candle dance (Ceefax) (s) (951950)

8.50 Points of View (Ceefax) (s) (884919)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5365)

9.30 CHOICE **People's Century. 1939 — Total War** (Ceefax) (s) (119554)

10.25 Sportsnight. Des Lynam, with Alan Hansen and Jimmy Hill, presents highlights of England's football friendly v Switzerland and action from the European Championship. Plus a preview of England's First Test *v* South Africa (s) (439486) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.25** Sportsnight from Northern Ireland **12.05am** Inside Ulster News **12.10** Chris De Burgh

12.05am FILM: A Cop for the Killing (1990). Television film with James Farentino and Charles Haid. When a member of the LAPD narcotics squad is shot on duty, the police have to fight both loss of confidence and the biggest supplier of cocaine in town. Directed by Dick Lowry (Ceefax) (6476245)

1.35am Weather (9848697)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season

7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4970467)

7.15 Lassie (3218450) **7.40 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (s) (1105950) **8.05 It'll Never Work** (r) (s) (3346486) **8.35 Gardens of the World** (r) (4112370)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6338383)

2.00pm Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (47932912)

2.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Classic comedy drama (r) (8906009)

3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather. **Westminster** presented by Jon Sopel (7863318)

3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (6718844)

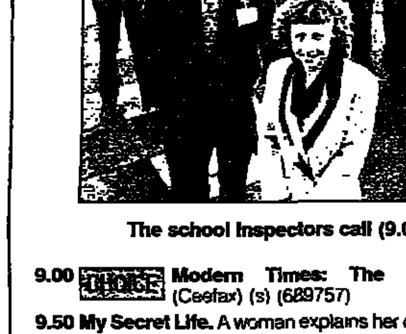
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (844) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (888) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4586757) **5.40 Unspeakable Verse** (688009)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (508196)

6.45 FILM: Unknown World (1951, b/w) starring Victor Kilian. Sci-fi drama directed by Terrell O. Morse (7949979)

8.00 Delia Smith's Winter Collection. A menu for Christmas. Blinis and smoked salmon, followed by lamb braised in beaujolais and tiramisù (Ceefax) (s) (6318)

8.30 University Challenge chaired by Jeremy Paxman. The University of Wales meets Lancashire University. (Ceefax) (s) (5825)



The school inspectors call (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Modern Times: The Inspection.** (Ceefax) (s) (689757)

9.50 My Secret Life. A woman explains her double life. A secretary by day, after working hours she spent a fortune in her boss's name. (Ceefax) (s) (224047)

10.00 Grace Under Fire. American comedy series (Ceefax) (s) (35825)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (773196)

11.15 CHOICE **Cities of the Future: Singapore — The Wired City** (642912)

11.55 Weather (662824)

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil. Political chat show (s) (34041)

12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University — Powers of the President (30142) **1.30** World of the Dragon (13326) **2.00 Nightschool TV:** Modern Languages (32061) **4.00 BBC Focus:** Benefits Agency Today (67590992) **4.15** Disability Working Allowance (93291185) **4.30** Reorganisation News (51503326) **4.45** Disability Today (53015264) **5.00** Voluntary Sector Television (37974)

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CHOICE

Modern Times: The Inspection
BBC2, 9.00pm

The inspectors are about to descend on John Ellis Community College, a compehensive school in Leicester. As John Ellis suffers from high truancy, low staff morale and exam results near the bottom of the league tables, there is considerable apprehension. Sue Thistlethwaite, the Principal, concedes that if the inspectors' verdict is damning, the school could close. Niki Chandler, the head of modern languages, admits she is frightened sick. Her colleague Len Trevor, who teaches sociology, takes a more robust attitude. He thinks inspections are a waste of money and is not afraid to say so. His cynicism appears to be vindicated by the incomprehensible jargon in which the inspection team reports its findings.

Singapore: The Wired City
BBC2, 11.15pm

One of the contributors to Benjamin Woolley's report describes Singapore as probably the most successful economy in the world. In 30 years, an island no bigger than the Isle of Wight has become richer, per head, than Britain. There are no beggars or graffiti and hardly any crime. Woolley brings out the paradox of strong government and free market. Although the State controls the media and bans chewing gum, it does not provide unemployment benefit, a health service or pensions. Ironically Singapore's grip on its citizens may be loosened by the IT2000 project, which is designed to put the city at the centre of the information revolution. The fear is that the Internet may be a Trojan Horse for pornography and subversion.



Phillip Schofield meets Jackie Collins (C4, 8.00pm)

Schofield in Hawaii
ITV, 8.00pm

Phillip Schofield's report from the 50th American state is a bit like one of Clive James's *Postcards*, but without the jokes. Like James, Schofield is seduced by showbusiness and cannot resist the chance to feature attractive women, whether they are natives in grass skirts or Cheryl Ladd. Pointing out that almost every Hollywood film you can think of was shot, or partly shot, in Hawaii, he takes us to the beach where Burt Lancaster famously tumbled with Deborah Kerr, the falls used in *Jurassic Park* and the absurdly luxurious apartments where Kevin Costner was domiciled while on location for *Waterworld*. It only needs Jackie Collins to brief us on the passions and intrigues of Hawaii's glamorous incomers. She duly obliges.

People's Century: 1939 — Total War
BBC1, 9.30pm

Faced with the impossibility of cramming the Second World War into 55 minutes, the makers of *People's Century* sensibly restrict themselves to one aspect. Appropriately, for a series reflecting the experiences of ordinary people, the theme is the impact of the war on civilians. There is still much to pack in, from the bombing of historic cities to the long, sad lines of refugees and the appalling consequences of the German and Japanese pushed for living space. The siege of Leningrad is recalled by a woman musician who took part in the premiere of Shostakovich's defiant Seventh Symphony. Now this praiseworthy series takes a break until next year. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9973573)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Quiz (s) (9239757)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) (9683450)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place. (s) (8856047)

10.35 This Morning. Magazine show (72970009)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9627370)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (9667134)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9642825) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (90496793) **1.55 Shortland Street** (s) (92899028)

2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (70048757) **2.50 Material World: Our Boyfriends, Ourselves** (2509399)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8701115)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8700486)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5729080) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (6921641) **3.50 The Story Store** (s) (5730196) **4.05 Animaniacs** (r) (Teletext) (s) (5999283) **4.15 TIGS** (s) (742509) **4.45 Bad Influence** (s) (1878825)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (7839863)

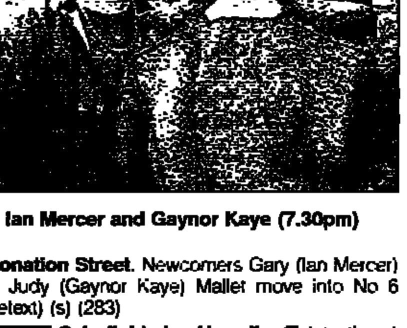
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (961844)

5.55 Your Shout Viewers air their views (875554)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (937)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (399)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (s) (4196)



Ian Mercer and Gaynor Kaye (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Newcomers Gary (Ian Mercer) and Judy (Gaynor Kaye) Mallet move into No 6 (Teletext) (s) (283)

8.00 CHOICE **Schofield in Hawaii** (Teletext) (s) (4283)

9.00 FILM: Mermaids (1990) with Cher, Bob Hoskins, Winona Ryder, Christina Ricci and Michael Schoeffling. An amiable, romantic comedy about a raucous, eccentric mother (Cher!), and the two precocious daughters, Ricci and Ryder, she keeps moving around the country in order to protect them from the perils of falling in love. They meet Hoskins and Schoeffling, who threaten to upset her carefully laid plans. She seems to be unaware that sometimes her behaviour embarrasses her daughters. Directed by Richard Benjamin. Continues after the news (Teletext) (s) (4047)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (62979)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (438641)

10.40 FILM: Mermaids continued (Teletext) (s) (432202)

11.40 Magnum: China Doll. (r) (763979)

12.40am The Little Picture Show looks at the new Keanu Reeves film, *A Walk in the Clouds* (2069239)

1.45 The Album Show (s) (1022719)

2.40 Hollywood Report (s) (5924448)

3.05 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (51965790)

3.35 Profile: Gloria Estefan talks about *Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me* (r) (s) (14375581)

3.40 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (r) (4751177)

4.35 McGilloway's Way. Irish nature programme (86145784)

5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (51500)

5.30 ITN Morning News (84546). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff Cartoon series (r) (8611680)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (21757)

9.00 Evening Shade (r) (s) (49028)

9.30 Schools: Good Health (4766573) **9.45** Book Box (4761028) **10.00** Stage Two Science (3643912) **10.15** Making Sense of Science (791776) **10.45** Your World (1534825) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6531252) **11.07** Schools at Work (7285979) **11.15** The Mix (6692950) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4007405) **11.45** First Edition (4095660)

12.00 House To House Political magazine (52592)

12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is Marilyn Horne (72775) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (s) (84689)

2.00 Australia Wild (s) (4950)

2.30 Magoo's Private War. Cartoon (6652009)

2.40 FILM: Challenger (1990) starring Barry Bostwick and Karen Allen. The lives of the crew of the space shuttle *Challenger* in the months before its launch. Concludes next week. Directed by Glenn Jordan (7441660)

4.00 Think Tank. Quiz (Teletext) (s) (912)

4.30 Fifteen To One (Teletext) (s) (196)

5.00 Ricki Lake. Former lovers reveal the truth behind their break-up (Teletext) (s) (6445919)

5.45 Terrytoons and **Murun Buchstansangur** (968757)

6.00 My So-Called Life. American comedy drama about growing up (Teletext) (s) (60009)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (452863)

7.55 Four Fingers and a Thumb A week-long series about the importance of British Sign Language (s) (781221)

8.00 Brookside More soap-opera drama from the Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (1486)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show Roger Flemming, a divorced father, takes his two young daughters to Disneyworld; Stephen, Brian and Andrew go on a Scouts' camping holiday; and John Rawling sings the praises of caravanning (Teletext) (s) (3221)



Hugh Grant with Andie MacDowell (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) starring Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. Smash-hit romantic comedy, written by Richard Curtis, directed by Mike Newell. (Teletext) (s) (90410757)

11.15 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) (637080)

11.55 Moviewatch (r). (Teletext) (s) (350689)

12.30am Four Fingers and a Thumb (r) (s) (9222326)

12.35-4.35 The Shooting Gallery: Short film showcase, beginning with **Strays** (3186974) **1.05 Sally Kerosene** (s) (9304974) **1.35 Fever** (r) (8251264)

2.00 Hinekaro Goes On a Picnic and Blows Up Another Obelisk. A supernatural tale written by the New Zealand winner of the Booker Prize, Ken Hulme (54210) **2.30 Animal** (4889993) **2.35 Linger** (3630610) **2.50 Off Key** Love, lust, desire and seduction between a concert pianist and a photographer (5911974)

3.15 Expecting (s) (15990158) **3.30 Lapin.** Two young girls find danger in the streets of a Provençal village (17625429) **3.45 Court in a Car** (r) (17540784) **4.00 Green** (3792790) Ends at **4.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9642825) **1.25** Home and Away (90496793) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92899028) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (2509399) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7839863) **6.25** Anglia Weather (867660) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (399) **11.40** Urban Angel (763979) **12.40am** War of the Worlds (3873326) **1.35** Hollywood Report (8253622) **2.00** Shift (2227005) **2.50** America's Top Ten (5831784) **4.15** Nite Bites 4 (51739901) **4.30** The Time... the Place (66974)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92899028) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (2509399) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7839863) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (163221) **11.40** Time Trax (763979) **4.35am** Jobfinder (6851992) **5.20** Asian Eye (4904055)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9642825) **1.25** Home and Away (11185115) **1.50** Vanessa (25460641) **2.20** Videofashion (70048757) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (2509399) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7839863) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (856370) **11.40-12.40am** Hunter (763979) **3.35-5.35** Jobfinder (3984852)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (7484641) **1.20** Coronation Street (99046252) **2.50-3.20** Cooking at the Academy (2509399) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7839863) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (399) **11.40** Street Legal (763979) **3.35am** Jobfinder (3984852)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The Really Helpful Programme (2509399) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (399) **11.40** Hunter (763979)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (9683450) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9627370) **12.55** Coronation Street (9642825) **1.25** Home and Away (90496793) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92899028) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2509399) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8700486) **5.10** Home and Away (7839863) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (895318) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (937) **6.30-7.00** Put It to the Test (399) **9.00-10.00** Flight from Colditz (4047) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (452221) **10.45** Meridian Business Awards (357641) **11.45** Time Trax (164432) **12.40am** War of the Worlds (3873326) **1.35** Hollywood Report (8253622) **2.00** Shift (2227005) **2.50** America's Top Ten (5831784) **4.15** Nite Bites 4 (51739901) **4.30** The Time... the Place (66974) **5.00** Freescreen (51500)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9642825) **1.25** Home and Away (90496793) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (92899028) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (2509399) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7839863) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (62467) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (438641) **11.40** Hunter (763979) **3.35am** Jobfinder (3984852)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (9683450) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (9627370) **12.55** Coronation Street (9642825) **1.25** Home and Away (90496793) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92899028) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2509399) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (8700486) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7839863) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (150573) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (399) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (438641) **11.40** Film: Oxford Blues (487283) **1.30am** Hollywood Report (99982) **2.00** Videofashion (93968) **2.30** The Album Show (64448) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (4864897) **4.25** Jobfinder (4155158)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (21757) **9.00** Evening Shade (49028) **9.30** Schools (74202) **9.30** Good Health (4766573) **9.45** Book Box (4761028) **10.00** Stage Two Science (3643912) **10.15** Making Sense Of Science (791776) **10.45** Your World (1534825) **10.55** Film And Video Showcase (6531252) **11.07** Schools At Work (7285979) **11.15** The Mix (6692950) **11.30** Rat-a-tat-tat (4007405) **11.45** First Edition (4095660) **12.00pm** House To House (52592) **12.30** Widget (85318) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (24844) **1.30** Film: The Gentle Gunman (14093738) **3.05** Big Bad Bobcat (8711592) **3.10** The Oprah Winfrey Show (1323202) **4.00** Think Tank (912) **4.30** Dosh (196) **5.00** 5 Pump Rownd A Rownd (3399028) **5.15** 5 Pump Fieil (8888196) **5.30** Fifteen To One (776) **6.00** Newyddion (502196) **6.15** Heno (593399) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (430825) **7.25** Dim Ond Celf (155573) **8.00** Pengelli (1486) **8.30** Newyddion (3221) **9.00** Lleifior (2689) **10.00** Brookside (53221) **10.30** Northern Exposure (436009) **11.25** Film: One False Move (800950) **1.20am** Four Fingers And A Thumb (3230142)

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE

7.00am DJ Kat (73318) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (95221) **8.30** Jeopardy (94592) **9.00** Court TV (85844) **9.30** Oprah (69196) **10.30** Concentration (87028) **11.00** Sally Jessy (66844) **12.00** Spellbound (65080) **12.30pm** Designing Women (93216) **1.00** The Waltons (33979) **2.00** Geraldo (26738) **3.00** Court TV (1405) **3.30** Oprah **4.20** Undone (7470237) **4.30** Shoot! (9776) **5.00** Star Trek (2757) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (3711) **6.30** Spellbound (4221) **7.00** LAPD (3486) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3955) **8.00** Earth 2 (63134) **9.00** Picket Fences (43370) **10.00** Star Trek (53757) **11.00** Law and Order (54009) **12.00** Late Show (9407622) **12.45am** The Untouchables (3954581) **1.30** Anything But Love (31351) **2.00** Hit Mix (8185790)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (3800009) **10.30** ABC Nightline (72370) (954842) **12.00** State Opening of Parliament **1.30pm** CBS News (39467) **2.30** CBS News (93844) **3.30** Destinations (9399) **6.30** Tonight (46573) **8.30** Newsmaker (779592) **11.30** CBS News (23950) **12.30am** ABC News (83448) **1.30** Tonight (36018) **2.30** Target (88603) **3.30** Destinations (90448) **4.30** CBS News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (97327573) **10.00 Young Ivanhoe (1994)** (93252) **12.00 The Yarn Princess (1993)** (23641) **2.00pm Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993)** (44009) **4.00 A Perilous Journey (1953)** (7689) **6.00 Young Ivanhoe (1994)** (29950) **8.00 Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993)** (69318) **10.00 M Butterfly (1993)** (710738) **11.45 Pleasure in Paradise (1993)** (217950) **1.10am Bad Dreams (1988)** (549559) **2.35 With Hostile Intent (1993)** (8750239) **4.05 Perilous Journey (1953)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Blood on the Moon (1948) (5641) **6.00 Daddy Long Legs (1955)** (46405) **8.00 The Mummy's Shroud (1966)** (41950) **10.00 Rain Man (1988)** (43690554) **12.20am Romuald Et Juliette (1989)** (103413) **2.15-3.55 Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)** (796429)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan and the Valley of Gold (1966) (80221) **8.00 Man in the Iron Mask** (1990) (67757 **9.00) Three Musketeers** (1992) (27793) **10.00 Smiley Gets a Gun** (1958) (93234) **12.00 Detective (1951)** (21253) **2.00pm Interlude (1957)** (75979) **4.00 Man in the Iron Mask (1990)** (11680) **5.00 Three Musketeers (1992)** (5467) **6.00 Children of the Dark (1994)** (55115) **8.00 Getting Out (1993)** (50660) **10.00 Striking Distance (1993)** (701080) **11.45 Distinguished Gentleman (1992)** (384414) **1.40am Ma Saison Preferee (1993)** (46040993) **3.45 Prom (1992)** (7027036) **4.35 Pure Country (1992)** (8627264)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am Umbrella Tree (32258399) **6.30** Muppets (27361318) **7.00** Pooh (67174134) **7.30** Ducktales (67153641) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82163757) **8.30** Wonderland (82162028) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82146080) **9.30** Pooh Corner (90580554) **10.00** Dumbo (27345370) **10.30** Quack Attack (82175592) **11.00** Disney (67179689) **12.00** FILM: Every Girl Should be Married (56217863) **1.30pm** Dinosaurs (90582641) **2.00** Wonderland (78095554) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (86909776) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78014689) **3.30** Pooh (86904221) **4.00** Quack Attack (86990028) **4.30** Ducktales (86989912) **5.00** Rescue Rangers (78019134) **5.30** Danger Bay (86903592) **6.00** Tarzan (86900405) **6.30** Dinosaurs (86991757) **7.00** Flipper (99185318) **8.00** Sinbad (78015318) **8.30** Torkelsons **9.00-10.00** Voyager (99174202)

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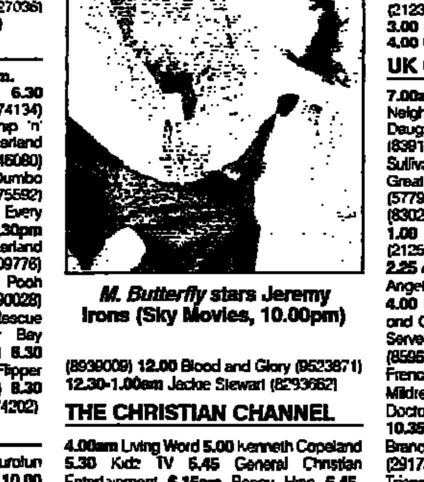
7.30am Football (73776) **8.30** Eurofun (14931) **9.00** Supercross (40467) **10.00** Superbike (62842) **11.00** Motors (87028) **12.30pm** Darts (61080) **1.30** Slam (40844) **2.00** Duathlon (73660) **3.00** Equestrianism (7467) **4.30** Rally (8202) **5.00** Karting (1047) **6.00** Formula 1 (6467) **6.30** News (5937) **7.00** Boxing (78080) **8.00** Strength (94028) **9.00** Football (97115) **11.00** Equestrianism (12301) **12.00-12.30am** News (73177)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (12365) **7.30** News (19950) **8.00** Wrestling (96383) **9.00** Aerobics (10115) **9.30** Boots 'n' All (52689) **10.00** England v Austria (32825) **12.00** Live Tennis (8309776) **4.00pm** Cricket (67486) **5.00** Wrestling (6979) **6.00** Sports Centre (1399) **6.30** Rugby (5979) **7.00** Football (69814863) **10.15** Sports Centre (585202) **10.45** Cricket (440950) **11.45** ATP Tennis (446134) **12.45am** England v Switzerland (765500) **2.45-3.15** Centre (892413)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Rugby (5682028) **10.30** World Cup (8939009) **12.00** Blood and Glory (9523871) **12.30-1.00am** Jackie Stewart (8293662)



***M. Butterfly* stars Jeremy Irons (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)**

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living Word **5.00** Kenneth Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **6.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15am** Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Christian Music Television

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1587486) **7.55** As the World Turns (8809776) **8.50** Peyton Place (2780405) **9.20** Days of our Lives (2385467) **10.10-11.00** Another World (1175738)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (2644196) **11.30** Video Trips (2645825) **12.00** Italy (5681399) **12.30pm** Restaurant Show (1612202) **1.00** Around the World (9310283) **1.30** Guide (1611573) **2.00** Ski Perfect (6317573) **2.30** Your World (6981134) **3.00** Getaway (6396080) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (6993979)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century (2668776) **5.00** Alive (6310660) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1620221)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00am Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6328689) **7.30** Ray Bradbury (6979399) **8.00-10.00** FILM: An American Werewolf in London (9949202)

TLC

9.00am Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (8380554) **9.30** Eat Your Greens (2120115) **10.00** Off the Beaten Track (4123370) **10.30** Being There (8386738) **11.00** Only Human (5777863) **12.00** Against All Odds (8300318) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2124931) **1.00** Eat Your Greens (5788979) **1.30** Crawshaw (2123202) **2.00** The Opposite Sex (4131399) **3.00** Off the Beaten Track (7519979) **3.30-4.00** Go Fishing (6409979)

UK GOLD

7.00am Five Children and It (5758738) **7.30** Neighbours (5760573) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8309689) **8.30** EastEnders (8391660) **9.00** The Bill (8382912) **9.30** The Sullivans (2122573) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5766757) **11.00** Dallas (5779221) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8302776) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2133689) **1.00** EastEnders (5757009) **1.30** The Bill (2125660) **2.00** The Sullivans (63079202) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (6355028) **3.00** Angels (7588009) **3.30** Eldorado (6478009) **4.00** Casualty (19803825) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4781028) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (9218825) **6.25** EastEnders (8595738) **7.00** Eldorado (7503318) **7.30** French Fields (6487757) **8.00** George And Mildred (4926509) **8.25** FILM: Carry On Doctor (24895689) **10.00** The Bill (6840399) **10.35** Dad's Army (8908950) **11.15** Special Branch (2568592) **12.20am** Dr Who (2917581) **12.50** Public Eye (4887413) **1.50** Triangle (97417582) **2.15-3.00** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Casper (81486) **7.00** Pink Panther (30028) **7.30** Ready Or Not (42863) **8.00** Valley High (64950) **8.30** Casper (3579080) **8.45** Dinobabies (3507863) **9.00** Tiny TCC (289554) **12.00** Tiny TCC (243592) **2.30** Happily Ever After (5134) **3.00** Sonic (4399) **3.30** Pink Panther (7979) **4.00** California Dreams (6486) **4.30-5.00** Valley High (5370)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7672912) **6.15** Grimmy (7677467) **6.30** Teenage Turtles (81825) **7.00** Barfink (9028202) **7.05** Turtles (9037738) **7.05** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1470115) **7.45** Rugrats (871486) **8.15** Count Duckula (940080) **8.45** The Ferals (9335467) **9.00** Nick Junior (9780979) **12.30pm** Aaah! Real Monsters (54047) **1.00** Clarissa Explains It All (62888) **1.30** Mighty Max (53318) **2.00** Speed Racer (4134) **2.30** Galaxy High (1912) **3.00** Count Duckula (3641) **3.30** Pet Shop (3757) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (5592) **4.30** Rugrats (1776) **5.00** Clarissa (5486) **5.30** Wishbone (2028) **6.00** Doug (2641) **6.30** Afraid of the Dark? (6321) **7.00** Ferris Bueller (8950) **7.30-8.00** Sister Sister (2405)

DISCOVERY

4.00am Shipwrecks — Natural History (6488486) **4.30** Ambulance! (6477370) **5.00** Man on the Rim (7593931) **6.00** Invention (6498863) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8362202) **7.30** Australians (6485399) **8.00** Connections 2 (7570080) **8.30** Top Marques (7599115) **9.00** Seawings (4517221) **10.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (8301047) **10.30** Wonders of Weather (8387467) **11.00** Voyager (6820825) **11.30-12.00** Nature Watch (4129554)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Serpent Island (93724432) **1.10pm** Honey West (2899399) **2.00** The Saint (4128825) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7506405) **3.30** Man from Interpol (6496405) **4.00** FILM: Nothing but the Best (7500221) **6.00** Death Valley Days (6492689) **6.30** Zoo Gang (6366028) **7.30** The Protectors (6472825) **8.00** The Saint (4591283) **9.00** Sapphire and Steel (6845134) **9.30** Dead at 21 (2131221) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Red Dawn (6836486)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (7573863) **7.00** Magazine (2069991) **9.00** Bazaar (6264404) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7227554) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (3216318) **10.55** Entertainment Now! **11.00** Young and Restless (8233399) **11.55** Delia Smith (2392950) **12.30pm** Brookside (5298347) **1.05** Kilroy (6471844) **2.00** Agony (2154347) **3.00** Magazine (6149825) **4.00** Infatuation UK (4308370) **4.30** Crosswits (6027047) **5.05** Joker's Wild (75871399) **5.30** Bewitched (4328134) **6.00** Esther (4325047) **6.30** Brookside (5770486) **7.05** Infatuation UK (5488318) **7.35** Joker's Wild **8.00** Young and Restless (8698467) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (8601931) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (8611318) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (2964347)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Wonder Years (9844) **5.30** Tintin (9950) **6.00** Batman (6863) **6.30** Catchphrase (7115) **7.00** A Word in your Ear (9080) **7.30** Fall Guy (88134) **8.30** Duty Free (7863) **9.00** Ruth Rendell (30844) **10.00** All Clued Up (42738) **10.30** Neon Rider (48252) **11.30** Batman (16950) **12.00** Fall Guy (73784) **1.00pm** Zorro **1.30** Rhoda (34567) **2.00** Neon Rider (43806) **3.00** Rhoda (89448) **3.30** Zorro **4.00** Wonder Years (32149) **4.30-5.00** Black Stallion

MTV

6.30am The Grind (59824) **7.00** 3 From 1 (2648047) **7.15** Wildside (2727486) **7.30** Europe Music Awards (44221) **8.00** VJ Maria (515221) **10.30** Music Awards (52115) **11.00** Soul (20641) **12.00** Greatest Hits (88028) **1.00pm** Music (97776) **2.00** 3 From 1 (45316405) **2.15** Music (4442370) **3.00** Cinematic (4199405) **3.15** Hanging Out (3463757) **3.30** Music Awards (6009) **4.00** News (3386844) **4.15** Hanging Out (3376467) **4.30** Dial MTV (4028) **5.00** Zig and Zag (1202) **5.30** Hanging Out (80080) **7.00** Greatest Hits (8738) **7.30** Music Awards (5757) **8.00** Most Wanted (72592) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (89757) **10.00** News (523080) **10.15** Cinematic (551863) **10.30** The State (53844) **11.00** Music Awards (25301) **11.30** The End? (87196) **12.30am** Videos (4244245)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (9319554) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7245979) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1600467) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (1619115) **2.00** Joe Satriani (1290486) **3.00** Into the Music (4346554) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (1639979) **7.00** For You (9938196) **8.00** Review (6306467) **8.30** 1 to 1: Squeeze (6318202) **9.00** Crash Test Dummies (9927080) **10.00** Vinyl Years (9937467) **11.00** Tommy Vance (3184009) **1.00am** Brinsley Forde (5774055) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (66560414) **8.30** Rhythm Top Ten (20938573) **9.30** Bante Bigadte (54397554) **10.30** Namaste India (49433405) **11.00** Tara (32046689) **12.00** Dekh Bhai Dekh (49424757) **12.30pm** Hit Thi Hit Hai (20660009) **1.00** Benazir Qurbani (24797047) **4.00** British Babu Part Two (12851202) **5.00** Zee Zone (69448863) **5.30** Bengali Serial (26747047) **6.00** Campus (28737660) **6.30** Zee and U (28728912) **7.00** Aap Ki Adalat (69435399) **7.30** Film Deewane (28724196) **8.00** News (69444047) **8.30** Banegi Apni Baat **9.00-12.00** FILM: Rajesh Khanna Season (64850573)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm The Bad and the Beautiful (1952) (99162467) **11.00 God is my Co Pilot (1945)** (13500486) **12.40am My Wild Irish Rose (1947)** (94529142) **2.30-5.00 Two Guys From Texas (1948)** (72442992)

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No place for Platt as England seek inspiration to beat Switzerland

Venables relies on Gascoigne

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE fortunes, or misfortunes, of Terry Venables, Paul Gascoigne and English football appear inextricably linked. The England coach believes that there is a conspiracy afoot that keeps dragging him through the courts. Yesterday, however, he unhesitatingly selected Gascoigne, who was branded "a thug" by a Scottish FA official after head-butting and elbowing incidents last Saturday, for the international at Wembley against Switzerland tonight.

Gascoigne is to be the core of any inspiration in this England side. He replaces Dennis Wise, who is dropped, while Teddy Sheringham comes in for the injured Nick Barmby. Otherwise, the coach has endorsed his congratulations to the team that drew 0-0 with Norway a month ago.

There is no right winger, no Stone or Sinclair, there are no places for Ferdinand, Beardsley or Howey, who put the class into Newcastle United, and there is no recall yet for Platt, the captain, or Le Saux, though Venables was at great pains yesterday to explain that they were in the squad despite injuries which have consigned them to a solitary game over the past weeks; they are coveted players whom he feels should be kept on board.

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The side that he does select relies heavily on the volatile Gascoigne. A couple of weeks ago, surprisingly to all those who know how big matches can lift him, the Rangers player could not raise the training-ground tempo by which Juventus dominated his Scottish team. Then, on Saturday, released as no other player in the squad would be to fly up to Glasgow and play for Rangers after training with England in the morning, he performed against Aberdeen in a manner that is now under police investigation.

Venables excused the recurrent use of elbows as part of the player's natural "screening" equipment. Gascoigne, in an outpouring of heart and mind, admitted that he has taken on too much, that both his mental and physical state last Saturday worried him.

So, the coach has tailored training, used what he describes as "spurts", and, in his eyes, "Gazza is fine, he's looking sharp".

Venables believes that the team that he has put together for tonight has balance. He acknowledges that Ferdinand has done well — "but I can't play everybody. Les will get his chance, he's doing very, very well, but so are Teddy [Sheringham], so is Shearer."

Sheringham will play a support role for Alan Shearer and will try to improve on the fact that, between them, they have scored one goal — by Sheringham — for England in the past year.

The role of McManaman is clear in Venables's mind. To some, this roving, scampering Liverpool player seems stapled to the left touch line when selected for the nation, but he is not, apparently, by order, and the use of one winger instead of two is explained by Venables as an experiment to see if this persuades the front player and the support player to remain closer.

Against this, against a team that at least has the virtue of continuity, come the Swiss. Roy Hodgson, their coach, is the son of a Croydon bus driver, exiled in Sweden, then Switzerland and now Italy for the past 20 years. When Hodgson speaks of the thrills of his achievements, he delights in having taken a team to the Bernabeu in Spain, to the San Siro in Milan, and now to Wembley.

Rather, though, than revel in the joys of sport, rather than say the thing that might attract more than a quarter of Wembley's capacity tonight, Hodgson's manager-speak runs like this: "I want all the things that football coaches say but mass media people don't want to hear ... to stop the opponents playing, to get the ball out wide ..."

Hodgson revisits England as an organiser of repute. He did not get invited to divide his life between Zurich and Internazionale, in Milan, without proving that he can get the best out of whatever playing resources are at his disposal. In Italy, he is still sifting through that material, still ascertaining when he can use the combative performer that Venables eschews, Paul Ince.

However, obliged to frustrate the team of his homeland tonight, to prolong, if he can, England's record of a solitary win from their past six games, Hodgson has an unexceptional team with which to work.

Switzerland are a celebration of competence. They are shorn of Stephane Chapuisat, the injured striker, they rely in midfield on Ciriaco Sforza, born in Italy but naturalised five years ago, and Alain Sutter, one of their attacking midfielders, recently released from Bayern Munich to Freiburg, barely conceals that he is playing tonight in the hope of attracting bids from England.

He wants to join the land of money. He has not got either the skill or the intemperate failings of Gascoigne; but then, as Venables is the first to say, who has?



Gascoigne was pronounced fit and ready in training yesterday to help England to victory over Switzerland at Wembley tonight

THE ENGLAND LINE-UP



Sell-off follows troubled course at St Andrews



John Hopkins on a commercial venture that has angered residents at the home of golf

Golfers have been slicing and hooking on the Old Course at St Andrews for 500 years, but some of the wildest shots are likely to be seen in the local town hall tonight at the annual public meeting of the St Andrews Links Trust, which administers the town's six famous courses. Present will be many townspeople angered by numerous recent changes made at the home of golf by the trust.

Considerable ill feeling has been caused by the trust's sale, in June, of 3,500 of the hallowed starting-times over the Old Course between April and November, beginning next year. The sale to Keith Prowse Hospitality, which bought the times on behalf of an American finance company, is expected to generate £5 million for the trust over the next ten years.

The sell-off strikes at the heart of St Andrews, a town that houses the largest golf complex in Europe. Thousands of visitors visit each year from around the world to play on the Old Course, which is a public course (green fee: £60) and is the most famous course in golf.

A significant number will now be unable to do so. If one assumes an average of three golfers for each starting-time, this means that, beginning next year, 10,500 golfers are going to be unable to to play the Old Course — unless they take out a package with Keith Prowse that could cost as much as £900 per person for a two-day visit.

Opponents of this sale see it as a totally commercial venture that disadvantages the citizens of St Andrews, whose right to play over the Old Course is enshrined in an Act of Parliament. Furthermore, it is felt that, as the Keith Prowse packages are likely to be tied in with the larger hotels in and around St Andrews, many of the town's many small bed-and-breakfast establishments will suffer a loss of income because the golfers who traditionally stay there will be unable to play on the Old Course.

Other criticisms of the Links Trust include the opening of a new practice centre that is sited so that it is possible to endanger golfers on the 16th fairway of the Old Course, the building of a new £3 million clubhouse, that is deemed to be too lavish, and the trust's decision to replace Walter Woods, the much respected links supervisor who retires at the end of the year, with a manager who has little knowledge of greenkeeping or agronomy.

One of the loudest voices raised in anger is that of Dr David Malcolm, a master at Madras College in St Andrews. "For 500 years, it has been the habit to hit balls here for nothing," Malcolm said. "Now, they are charging £1 for 25 balls [on the driving range]. We are ordinary people up here. We are not South East millionaires with a Wentworth approach to life. The people who are doing this are managers making jobs for managers and building a monument to themselves. They have got it wrong. They are taking golf out of the working man's orbit."

> 'We are ordinary people, not millionaires'

Control of the golf courses at St Andrews was taken over by the Links Trust in 1975. "The trust inherited a few clapped-out bits of mowing machinery and a small deficit," Peter Mason, the trust's external relations manager, said. "Since then, it has strengthened its financial position so that, since 1986, it has spent over £7 million, and expects to have to spend another £7 million in the next five years."

This cuts no ice with Malcolm and the critics, however. "We know why all was done," Malcolm said. "It was done to finance the mortgage of a Wentworth-type clubhouse that is totally unnecessary. For 150 years, there has been a superintendent of the links. These people do not know about golf. They are not golfers. They have no heritage in the game."

Depleted Ireland look to McGrath

From Peter Ball
in Lisbon

SIX years after Manchester United tried to persuade him to retire, Paul McGrath will set a new Ireland appearance record when he wins his 79th cap against Portugal in the Benfica stadium here tonight. This game, in a packed ground, will determine the winners of group six in the European championship qualifying competition.

A draw or a defeat would leave Ireland's fate depending on the result of the group's other game tonight, between Northern Ireland and Austria in Belfast. Ireland need Austria to do no better than they do themselves, if they are to come second and so qualify for a play-off between the two worse-placed second teams at Anfield next month.

Ireland's form since beating Portugal in Dublin in April does not give reason for optimism. If they fail to qualify, this game may mark the end of the road for McGrath, and perhaps for Houghton, Aldridge and even Townsend. It could could also bring to a close the Jack Charlton era in Irish football.

There could hardly be more at stake, and the 20,000 Irish supporters expected at one of Europe's most dramatic venues will hope to see McGrath at his most influential.

Charlton, the manager, acknowledged last night that the chances of Townsend, his captain, being involved were slim at best. Townsend, who has a foot injury, was unable to do any serious training yesterday. With Keane and Sheridan already missing, the loss of Townsend would leave the central midfield completely denuded of its regular members. Charlton is likely to play Jeff Kenna as the holding player, and possibly employ Steve Staunton beside him.

However Charlton eventually juggles his resources, the defenders will need more protection than they received in Vienna, where the Austrians ran freely at the exposed back four and it appeared that the years were finally catching up with McGrath.

Against Latvia, he looked more comfortable with Babb back at his side, and the central defenders know that their performances against the dangerous Pinto and Domingos will be vital to Ireland's hopes.

PORTUGAL (probable; 4-4-2): V Bala (Porto) — Secretario (Porto), F Couto (Parma), Halder (Benfica), P Santos (Porto) — Oceano (Sporting Lisbon), P Sousa (Juventus), Figo (Barcelona), R Costa (Fiorentina) — J Pinto (Benfica), Domingos (Porto).

IRELAND (probable; 4-3-3): A Kelly (Sheffield United) — G Kelly (Leeds United), P McGrath (Aston Villa), P Babb (Liverpool), D Irwin (Manchester United) — J McAteer (Liverpool), J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), A Townsend (Aston Villa) or S Staunton (Aston Villa) — Staunton or M Kennedy (Liverpool) — J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), N Quinn (Manchester City).

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Portugal	9	6	2	1	26	7	20
Ireland	9	5	2	2	17	8	17
Austria	9	5	1	3	25	9	16
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	15	12	14
Latvia	10	4	0	6	11	20	12
Liechtnstn	10	0	1	9	1	40	1

FIXTURES: Today: Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria.

Newlove puts transfer record in danger



Newlove: on move

By Christopher Irvine

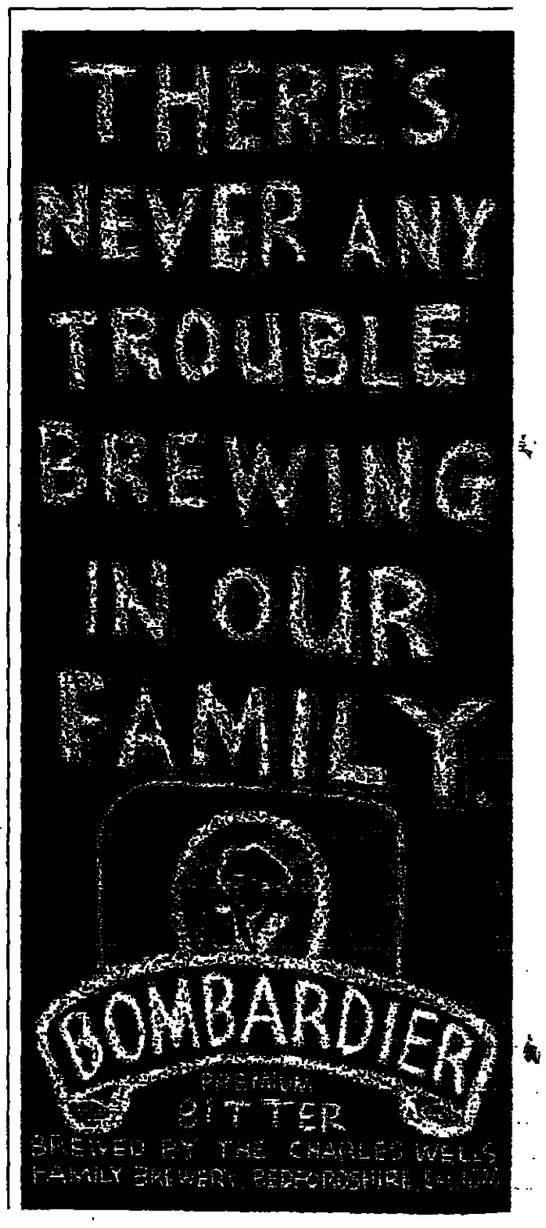
WIGAN are prepared to break their world rugby league transfer record in a deal worth between £500,000 and £600,000 for Paul Newlove, of Bradford Bulls. They are in competition with St Helens for the signature of the England and Great Britain centre.

Two deals, which involve money plus players, were considered at a meeting of Bradford directors last night to determine the transfer fate of Newlove, 24, who was placed on the list last month at £750,000. The existing record, £440,000, was paid to Widnes by Wigan for Martin Offiah in January 1992.

Newlove underlined his exceptional talent in the recent World Cup and the policy of Wigan is to invest in the best. St Helens have offered £350,000 plus Sonny Nickle, the Great Britain second-row forward. To get the deal nearer the asking price, Bradford also asked St Helens club to part with Scott Gibbs. The former Wales and British Isles rugby union centre has made a considerable impact in 18 months in league.

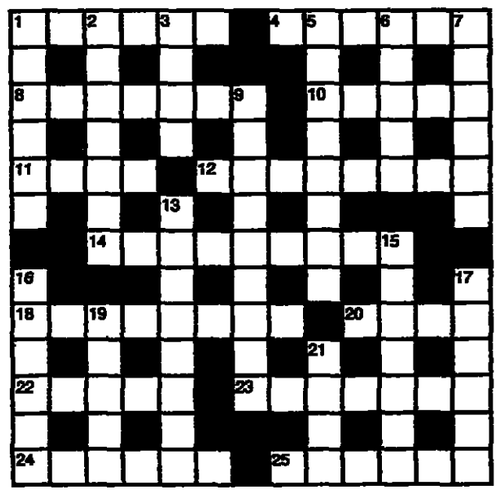
Newlove became the youngest Great Britain player, at 18 years and 72 days, against New Zealand in 1989. His 52 tries in the 1992-93 season at Featherstone set a record for a centre. Whether alongside Gibbs or not, he would represent an important asset for St Helens, who, after Wigan prised Connolly away in 1993, are determined not to lose out.

☐ The Rugby Football League executive committee has decided, after watching a video, that Garry Schofield, the Leeds and former Great Britain captain, will not face action for an alleged head-butting incident in the defeat of Salford in the Regal Trophy on Sunday.



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 627



ACROSS
1 Portray (6)
4 Wood; coat support (6)
8 Weedy young person (7)
10 Blow; political influence (5)
11 Go mad; wild party (4)
12 Little tape container (8)
14 50s popular music (4,1,4)
18 Sleeplessness (8)
20 Seaweed-derived food (4)
22 Christmas hymn (5)
23 Diver (7)
24 Disreputable, immoral behaviour (6)
25 Crucial, dangerous moment (6)

DOWN
1 Decorous, coy (6)
2 Tedious bother; hubbub (7)
3 Ready money (4)
5 Forefather (8)
6 Rejoice in other's misfortune (5)
7 Putrid (6)
9 Bringer of civil action (9)
13 Sentimental mush (8)
15 Peas and beans (7)
16 Plate thrown by athletes (6)
17 Lectures tediously; Wooster's club (6)
19 Dispense (food); suffice; deliver ball (5)
21 Dispense (liquid) (4)

SOLUTION TO No 626
ACROSS: 4 Tag 8 Abolish 9 Ariel 10 Dryad 11 Poultry 12 Doctrine 14 Deep 15 Hurt 16 Synopsis 20 Mayfair 21 Angst 23 Gaffe 24 Pulsate 25 SOS
DOWN: 1 Candid 2 Holy 3 Girder 4 The penny drops 5 Gamut 6 Listless 7 Play up 13 Carry off 15 Homage 17 Oracle 18 Setter 19 Eaves 22 Glad

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD NO 622
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ACROSS: 1 Stocks 5 Wrap 9 Lullaby 10 Nimrod 11 Well-read 12 Oriase 15 Cheese 18 Magwitch 20 Fledge 22 Abeyant 23 Tome 24 Skewer
DOWN: 2 Tiller 3 Call love 4 Space 6 Ream 7 Porous 8 Lyndon 13 Intimate 14 Demean 16 Hold it 17 Scythe 19 Guess 21 Deem

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